

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
5:00 p.m., September 6, 2022
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Councilor Jim Perpich, Present
Councilor John Rauzi, Present
Councilor Brian Lillis, Present
Councilor Joseph Koivunen, Present
Mayor Robert Vlasisavljevich, Present

Also present: City Clerk Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Police Chief Jesse Linde; City Attorney Joel Lewicki; Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve the following minutes:

1. *Minutes of City Council Workshop Meeting held June 21, 2022;*
2. *Minutes of City Council Workshop Meeting held June 28, 2022;*
3. *Minutes of City Council Meeting held August 2, 2022;*
4. *Minutes of City Council Special Meeting held August 23, 2022; and*
5. *Minutes of City Council Workshop Meeting held August 31, 2022.*

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Approval of Payroll -- July 16-31, 2022 in the amount of \$162,999.95**
2. **Approval of Payroll – August 1-15, 2022 in the amount of \$136,123.78**
3. **Approval of Claims – August 2022 in the amount of \$1,367,501.14**

4. **Approval for Water/Wastewater Operator to attend Minnesota Rural Water Association Wastewater Certification Exam & Refresher Course, September 19-21, 2022, St, Cloud, MN**
5. **Settlement and Release Agreement Between City of Eveleth and Jesse Howe**

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes – All.

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Pay Request No. 3/Final from 3D Concrete and Construction in the amount of \$17,993.50 for 2022 Curb & Sidewalk Improvements**

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Pay Request No. 3/Final from 3D Concrete and Construction in the amount of \$17,993.50 for 2022 Curb & Sidewalk Improvements. Ayes – All.

2. **Authorize Public Works Director to purchase with installation a transmission for 1995 International dump truck**

The transmission for the 1995 dump truck #12 is unrepairable. The best option is to purchase a reman transmission and have it installed.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the cost in the amount of \$6,694.24 for Northland Tractor Repair, Virginia, MN, to replace the transmission in dump truck #12. Ayes – All.

3. **Independent Contract Between City of Eveleth and Therese Elverum for Safety Coordinator Services**

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Independent Contract Between City of Eveleth and Therese Elverum for Safety Coordinator Services. Ayes – All.

4. **Facilities Use Agreement Between City of Eveleth and Independent School District No. 2909**

The Rock Ridge School District tabled the first proposal from the City of Eveleth as the City of Virginia had stipulated in their proposed agreement to the School District an all or nothing approach for hockey ice time at the Iron Trail Motors ice arena.

The City of Virginia mandated in their proposed agreement to Rock Ridge School District that all hockey games be played at the Iron Range Trail Motors Event Center. The reason for their stipulation stems from the Naming Rights Agreement that the City of Virginia entered into with Iron Trail Motors, LLC on July 13, 2021. As part of this agreement, Virginia guaranteed that all high school hockey games would be played at the arena. This agreement was made without consent of the Rock Ridge School District School Board.

The Eveleth City Council discussed presenting two proposals to the School District. One proposal would be for 50/50 (splitting between Virginia and Eveleth) or half of the ice time. The other proposal would outline 100 percent of the hockey ice time at the Eveleth Hippodrome.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to authorize the City of Eveleth to propose an amended Facilities Use Agreement between the City of Eveleth and Independent School District No. 2909 with two options for use of ice for high school hockey games at the Hippodrome to include a 50/50 (half of games played at Eveleth Hippodrome) option or a 100 percent (all hockey games played at Eveleth Hippodrome) option for use. Ayes – All.

5. Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the IRRRB Residential Redevelopment Grant Program (1104 McKinley Avenue & 1502 W. 1st Street)

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to adopt Resolution No. 2022-25, “Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the IRRRB Residential Redevelopment Grant Program (1104 McKinley Avenue & 1502 W. 1st Street). Ayes – All.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich commented that the neighbors had to endure this public health nuisance house for years.

6. Consider bids for demolition of 1104 McKinley Ave.

The City of Eveleth received three bids on August 17, 2022 for the demolition of 1104 McKinley Avenue.

G-Men ES, Inc.	\$42,900.00
Mesabi Bituminous	\$60,000.00
ZEZ, Inc. dba Jola & Sopp	\$45,850.00

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve bid from G-Men ES, Inc. in the amount of \$42,900.00 for demolition of 1104 McKinley Avenue. Ayes – All.

7. Resignation from firefighter Wade Peterson

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Perpich to approve resignation and retirement of firefighter Wade Peterson and to send him a letter of thanks for his years of service. Ayes – All.

8. Authorize hiring of firefighters

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve hiring the following firefighters, contingent upon passing their pre-employment physicals:

*Douglas Harmark
George Rendl III
Alexander Tasson*

Ayes – All.

9. Introduction & First Reading of an Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Ordinance No. 42, 2nd Series, Adopting a Revised Salary Schedule for the Mayor and City Council

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Perpich to approve Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Ordinance No. 42, 2nd Series, Adopting a Revised Salary Schedule for the Mayor and City Council. Ayes – All.

10. Consider approving Fall 2022 Refuse Collection and Yard Waste Pickup Schedule

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve the Fall 2022 Refuse Collection and Yard Waste Pickup Schedule. Ayes – All.

The City will accept trash and rubbish for disposal at the City Garage from September 19 through September 30, 2022. The hours for drop off are 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Yard waste pick up will begin on October 10, 2022.

J. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Rauzi reported that he will be attending an HRA meeting tomorrow at 3:00 p.m.

Mayor Vlaisavljevich will be attending the Eveleth Virginia Airport Authority meeting on Thursday.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich raised concerns about the lack of a stop sign where Hat Trick and Jones meet. St. Louis County removed the stop sign when Jones became a CSAH road. The Council would like to install a 3-way stop for traffic northbound on Hat Trick and eastbound on Jones like the City had previously.

K. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Public Works Director – Director Rosati reported that the Roosevelt construction is close to being complete. The contractors are planting trees and possibly laying sod tomorrow.

City Engineer – Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering, reported on the Douglas project. Johnson indicated the utilities are about to the half way point, with no major issues to date.

Marian and Amr Azzabi approached the Council regarding the adjacent land next to their building at 501 Grant Avenue. Four years ago, the former Tunas Bar was demolished by St. Louis County. The County put up steel supports. Marian and Amr Azzabi would like to install windows and siding on their building, but would not be able to do that if the adjacent property is sold to someone else. They are requesting the City sell the property to them at a reasonable price. They would use this space for a yard and possibly a garage.

The City Council will be discussing this parcel and other City owned property at a future workshop meeting. Mr. and Mrs. Azzabi will be invited to attend a workshop meeting.

L. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.