

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
2:00 p.m., September 16, 2020
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Councilor John Rauzi, Present
Councilor Brad Hadrava, 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; Police Chief Tim Koivunen, Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

1. *Minutes of City Council Workshop Meeting held August 26, 2020; and*
2. *Minutes of City Council Meeting held September 1, 2020.*

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the agenda. Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Parks Commission application from Carla Moberg

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Rauzi to appoint Carla Moberg to the Parks Commission for the term effective 9/16/2020 to 1/31/2022. Ayes – All.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – August 16-31, 2020 in the amount of \$147,426.11

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

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution Adopting Proposed Tax for Year 2021

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Hadrava to adopt Resolution No. 2020-28, “Resolution Adopting Proposed Tax for Year 2021.” Ayes – All.

2. Resolution Adopting Proposed Budget for Year 2021

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to adopt Resolution No. 2020-29, “Resolution Adopting Proposed Budget for Year 2021.” Ayes – All.

3. Set date for Public Hearing to discuss the proposed budget and tax for 2021

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Rauzi to set date of December 1, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Eveleth Auditorium for the Public Hearing to discuss the proposed budget and tax for 2021. Ayes – All.

4. Recommendation to hire firefighters

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve hiring the following firefighters: Justin Blazewicz, Raymond Elj, Austin Miller, Samantha Spurlin, Dennise Williams. Ayes – All.

5. Amended Joint Powers Agreement Relating to the Establishment of a Joint Cable Television Access Board

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve Amended Joint Powers Agreement Relating to the Establishment of a Joint Cable Television Access Board. Ayes – All.

The agreement was updated to change the name of the school district to Independent School District No. 2909, Rock Ridge.

6. Joint Powers Agreement (Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority)

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Eveleth and the City of Virginia regarding the Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority. Ayes – All.

7. Revised Ambulance Guidelines, EMS EMT Position Description, and EMS Shift Supervisor Position Description

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the revised Ambulance Guidelines, EMS EMT Position Description, and EMS Shift Supervisor Position Description. Ayes –All.

8. Approval to hire additional EMTs

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to authorize EMS Operations Supervisor and City Clerk Administrator to hire five (5) additional EMTs contingent upon satisfactory pre-employment background checks and physicals. Ayes – All.

These candidates have not yet been determined. The Council’s consent will allow the City to hire EMTs immediately after the background checks and physicals have been completed.

9. Radio, pagers, and Lucas device quotes

The City received \$271,903.00 in Coronavirus Relief Aid from the State. The following quotes were received:

Motorola Solutions – new radios for Police, Fire and Ambulance	\$190,986.66
DSC Communications – new pagers for Fire	\$ 9,140.00
Lucas v3.1ches compression system – Ambulance	<u>\$ 20,083.43</u>
	\$221,083.43

Installation of the radios will cost approximately \$3,000, bringing the total to \$224,083.43.

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve the purchase of Motorola Solutions Radios with installation, DSC Communications pager and Lucas v3.1 chest compression system in the amount of \$224,083.43. Ayes – All.

The Council will be meeting at a future workshop to discuss utilizing the remaining balance of the COVID relief from the State.

10. Purchase Agreement and Resolution Authorizing Conveyance of Real Estate to Joseph Strlekar and Joan Strlekar

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Purchase Agreement and Resolution Authorizing Conveyance of Real Estate to Joseph Strlekar and Joan Strlekar for Lot 9D, Carlson's 2nd Addition. Ayes – All.

11. Purchase Agreement and Resolution Authorizing Conveyance of Real Estate to Brian Sandstrom

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve Purchase Agreement and Resolution Authorizing Conveyance of Real Estate to Brian Sandstrom for Lot 4C, Carlson's 2nd Addition. Ayes – All.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Lillis attended a recent Fire Department Shared Services meeting online. Lillis said had a good feeling that the committee is back on track and moving forward as hoped. Councilor Rauzi was also in attendance and thought the meeting was successful.

Councilor Rauzi will be attending an HRA meeting this afternoon at 3:00 p.m.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich suggested the City let the current Eveleth members of the Airport Authority know of the changes to the Joint Powers Agreement and that their service will be ending September 30th. Those who qualify under the residency standards can reapply to serve on the Board.

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Hadrava to send a letter to the Eveleth Airport Authority members indicating their terms will end effective September 30, 2020 and thanking them for their service on the Board. Ayes – All.

Councilor Hadrava would like the City to look at using the rock and dirt from the new school building site to fill in the 37 acres behind the church on Station Road 44. Mayor Vlasisavljevich suggested holding a workshop with Alan Johnson from Benchmark Engineering to discuss the area.

Councilor Lillis reported that the Safety Committee will be holding interviews for the Eveleth Fire Department today at 4:00 p.m.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Police Chief – Chief Koivunen reminded the public that calendar parking begins October 1st.

Public Works Director – Director Rosati announced to Eveleth residents that Fall Clean-up will begin on Monday.

City Engineer – Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering, reported that the shoreline stabilization has been wrapped up at Ely Lake Veterans Park. The Council will be considering a pay request for the project at the next Council Meeting.

M. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.