

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Meeting**  
**5:00 p.m., September 21, 2021**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Acting Mayor Joe Koivunen called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

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

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

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. Minutes of City Council Meeting September 7, 2021**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Minutes of City Council Meeting held September 7, 2021. Ayes – All.*

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**F. CONSENT AGENDA**

**1. Approval of Payroll – August 16-31, 2021 in the amount of \$143,706.39**

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

## **G. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

## **H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **I. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Resolution Adopting Proposed Tax for Year 2022**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to adopt Resolution No. 2021-22, "Resolution Adopting Proposed Tax for Year 2022." Ayes – All.*

### **2. Resolution Adopting Proposed Budget for Year 2022**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to adopt Resolution No. 2021-23, "Resolution Adopting Proposed Budget for Year 2022." Ayes – All.*

### **3. Set date for Public Hearing to discuss the proposed budget and tax for 2022**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to set the Public Hearing for December 7, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Eveleth City Council Chambers to discuss the proposed budget and tax for 2022. Ayes – All.*

### **4. Authorize staff to work with Brian Zadnikar, Ed's Body Shop, regarding city owned property at 408 Fayal Road, Eveleth**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to authorize staff to work with Brian Zadnikar, Ed's Body Shop, regarding City owned property at 408 Fayal Road, Eveleth. Ayes – All.*

Zadnikar is planning to expand his business.

### **5. Consider accepting the Park Commission's recommendation to raise camping rates effective October 1, 2021**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to accept the Park Commission's recommendation to raise the camping rates as follows effective October 1, 2021:*

<b><i>Camping</i></b>	<b><i>2021 Rate</i></b>	<b><i>Increased 2022 Rate</i></b>
<i>Overnight Camping w/Electricity &amp; Water</i>	<i>\$25/day</i>	<i>\$30/day</i>
<i>Weekly Camping w/Electricity &amp; Water</i>	<i>\$150/week</i>	<i>\$200/week</i>
<i>Monthly Camping w/Electricity &amp; Water</i>	<i>\$500/month</i>	<i>\$600/month</i>
<i>Seasonal Camping – May 1 to September 30</i>	<i>\$1600/year</i>	<i>\$2000/year</i>
<i>Winter Storage</i>	<i>\$100/season</i>	<i>\$200/season</i>

*Ayes – All.*

**6. Consider accepting Public Work Director’s recommendation to raise utility rates**

Public Works Director Rosati made a recommendation to update the water availability, wastewater availability and bulk water rate charges. Rosati said the current fee for tapping into the City’s water is \$75.00 and there is no charge for tapping into the sewer system. Bulk water is mainly used by contractors.

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the following rate increases:*

<b><i>Item</i></b>	<b><i>Previous Rate</i></b>	<b><i>2021 Increased Rate</i></b>
<i>WAC Charge</i>	<i>\$75.00</i>	<i>\$250.00</i>
<i>SAC Charge</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>
<i>Bulk Water</i>	<i>\$8.00/1000 gal</i>	<i>\$15.00/1000 gal</i>

*Ayes – All.*

**7. Consider purchase of 1 Flygt Pump for the waste water filter feed**

This item was removed from agenda.

**8. Consider purchase of 2 VFDs, 1 for the water treatment plant and the 2,000,000-gallon reservoir**

Public Works Director explained the necessity for upgrading as the current system has outlived its life expectancy.

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve the purchase of 2 VFDs for the water treatment plant and 2,000,000-gallon reservoir in the amount of \$10,962.57. Ayes – All.*

**9. Consider approving Veterans Park Campground Managers Agreement for the years 2022-2024**

Public Works Director Rosati said the current campground managers, Bob & Kenne Cherro, have done a fabulous job. He indicated the Park Commission is recommending the Council approve another 3-year contract. Acting Mayor Koivunen said he has not heard any complaints and the campground is running well.

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the Veterans Park Campground Managers Agreement with Bob & Kenne Cherro for the years 2022 to 2024. Ayes – All.*

**10. Consider certifying police patrol officer eligibility list**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve the following four candidates be placed on the Eveleth Police Department eligibility list:*

- 1. Nolan Forrest*
- 2. Johnathan Brockopp*
- 3. Megan Larsen*
- 4. James Raglin*

*Ayes – All.*

**J. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilor Rauzi reported on a successful HRA meeting.

Councilor Rauzi announced the Hippodrome will be 100 years old on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Rauzi said he hoped there will a celebration, and that the City should treat the Hippodrome as a treasure.

**K. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS**

Police Chief Linde reminded the public that calendar parking begins on October 1<sup>st</sup>. The Police Department will be issuing warning tickets for the first two weeks.

Public Works Director Jerry Rosati indicated Mesabi Bituminous would like to put down the base coat for the Garfield Street Project and wait until next year to finalize the road. The Council and Rosati discussed the pros and cons. The Council would like to see the project finished entirely this fall. The final completion date is October 15<sup>th</sup>.

City Engineer Johnson reported that the contractors would like to begin planting trees in the boulevard of Garfield Street. Some of the trees originally planned for are not available and

they would like to make substitutions. Director Rosati and Engineer Johnson will meet to determine which substitutions should be made and which species are good boulevard trees.

Johnson updated the Council on the logging plans for Station 44 Road. The logger is hoping to begin very soon on clearing the site.

**L. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.