

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
5:00 p.m., October 4, 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; Assistant Public Works Director Mark Karpen, Police Chief Jesse Linde, City Attorney Joel Lewicki, Benchmark Engineer, Alan Johnson

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

1. *Minutes of City Council Workshop Meeting held September 20, 2022; and*
2. *Minutes of City Council Meeting held September 20, 2022.*

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of Payroll - September 1-15, 2022 in the amount of \$131,595.94**
- 2. Approval of Claims - September 2022 in the amount of \$1,118,859.03**

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

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Second reading of an Ordinance Adopting a Revised Salary Schedule for the Mayor and City Council

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 77, 2nd Series, “An Ordinance Adopting a Revised Salary Schedule for the Mayor and City Council.” Ayes – All.

2. Appoint negotiating committee for Facilities Use Agreement between the City of Eveleth and Independent School District No. 2909, Rock Ridge Public Schools

Mayor Vlasisavljevich voiced his displeasure on how things happened with the School District’s Facility Use Agreement for 2022-2023. Vlasisavljevich said when the school merger was talked about there was a plan for 50/50 ice time at the Hippodrome and whatever facility the City of Virginia had. He said things were turned upside down with a lack of communication. Eveleth ended up in a take-it-or-leave-it situation. Mayor Vlasisavljevich would like to bring on some professional help with Frank Kvaternik serving on the negotiations committee.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to authorize City Clerk Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek to set up an independent consultant agreement with Frank Kvaternik to serve on the negotiating committee for Facilities Use Agreement between the City of Eveleth and Independent School District No. 2909, Rock Ridge Public Schools along with Mayor Vlasisavljevich; and to authorize in the Mayor’s absence that another Council Member or City Clerk-Administrator Monahan-Junek may serve as the alternate, and to notify the Rock Ridge School District that the City of Eveleth would like to begin negotiations as soon as possible. Ayes – All.

3. Resignation letter from Sherri Elg, Firefighter

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to accept resignation from Firefighter Sherri Elg and to send her a letter of thanks for her service. Ayes – All.

J. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Perpich indicated he inadvertently missed the last Parks Commission Meeting. He was informed that the Commission is trying to find volunteers for the dog park. They also discussed the budget for the Veterans Park, and possibly trying to relocated the disc golf course.

Councilor Perpich talked about a low spot in the cemetery. Family members of the cemetery lot have expressed their concern with the area. Assistant Public Works Director Mark Karpen indicated there are drainage issues. The Cemetery Committee will meet to discuss the issue.

Councilor Lillis gave an update on the recent EDA Meeting. The EDA met with the architects to discuss developing the pocket park revitalization on Grant Avenue. They will be getting down to a solid plan at the next meeting and hope to bring a plan back to the City Council in the near future.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich commented that is nice to see the Eveleth Police Department patrolling near the school every morning. He said that gives people security and says a lot for the department.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich suggested a future meeting to be held at the Auditorium allowing the public to meet City staff and discuss what they would like to see for public safety, specifically police. Vlasisavljevich thanked Kvaternik for coming on board with the City.

K. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

City Engineer - Alan of Benchmark Engineering gave an update on the demolition at 1104 McKinley. G-men Avenue will be starting in a couple of weeks. They are waiting for IRRRRB grant money to approved.

The City's portion of the Roosevelt Street Improvement Project is complete. A final punch list will be determined. The contractor will come back and cut through the manholes after the black top is finished.

Tim McCarthy was the winner of two Minnesota Wild Hockey tickets sponsored by the United States Hockey Hall of Fame Museum.

L. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.