

MINUTUES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
5:00 p.m., October 5, 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, Present
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; City Attorney Karl Sundquist; Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering

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 8, 2021;*
2. *Minutes of City Council Workshop Meeting held September 13, 2021; and*
3. *Minutes of City Council Meeting held September 21, 2021.*

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – September 1-15, 2021 in the amount of \$117,873.36
2. Approval of Claims – September 2021 in the amount of \$861,323.33

3. Application for Exempt Permit, Curl Mesabi at Range Recreation Civic Center, 901 Hat Trick Avenue
4. Application to Conduct Excluded Bingo, Knights of Columbus Council 2583, 301 Adams Avenue

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. Letter from Mesabi Community Band requesting use of City auditorium

The Mesabi Community Band is requesting use of the Eveleth Auditorium for practices and concerts, both would be held on Thursday evenings. City Clerk Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek will check with the Mesabi Band to see how many practices and concerts they plan to hold. This will be brought back to the Council at the next meeting for consideration.

2. Quote from Stryker for Power Load cot upgrade (for new ambulance)

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Perpich to approve quote from Stryker for Power Load cot upgrade for the new ambulance in the amount of \$28,586.68. Ayes – All.

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek and EMS Operations Supervisor Therese Elverum will be looking to other entities for possible funds for the cot upgrade.

3. Letter from Rock Ridge Public Schools regarding vacant lot where old Eveleth Junior High previously existed

The old Junior High building in Eveleth has been demolished. The school district has sent a letter to the City Council (pursuant to the agreement between the City of Eveleth and Rock Ridge School District) to determine whether or not the City has any interest in purchasing this piece of land.

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to send a letter to the Rock Ridge Public School District to express the City's interest in purchasing the vacant lot where the old Eveleth Junior High School previously existed. Ayes – All.

4. Resolution Approving County Project within Municipal Corporate Limits

Public Works Director Rosati explained that in 2022, the County will be working on Roosevelt Avenue and Douglas Avenue as part of the County's 5-year plan for County State Aid Highways (CSAH).

The City is still working with the County in an effort to swap CSAH roads for the Station 44 Road Project.

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to support Resolution Approving County Project within Municipal Corporate Limits for Project No. SAP 069-741-002/CP 0141-493350, Douglas Avenue & Temple Place between Garfield Street and Grant Avenue and Project No. SAP 069-745-001/CP 0415-493352, Roosevelt Avenue between Fayal Road and Jackson Street. Ayes – All.

5. Right of Entry Agreement between City of Eveleth and Scenic Rivers Health Services, Inc. (extension to November 2, 2021)

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Lillis to approve Right of Entry Agreement between City of Eveleth and Scenic Rivers Health Services, Inc. (extension to November 2, 2021). Ayes – All.

6. License Agreement between City of Eveleth and St. Louis and Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to approve License Agreement between City of Eveleth and St. Louis and Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority. Ayes – All.

7. Request to Hire Full Time Patrol Officer

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Perpich to approve hiring Johnathan David Brokopp as a full-time patrol officer for the Eveleth Police Department contingent upon the successful completion of all necessary physical, psychological and background examinations. Ayes – All.

8. Consider authorizing Public Works Director to auction surplus equipment

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to authorize Public Works Director to auction surplus equipment as follows:

1) 2004 Ford F350 with utility box; 2) 2008 F-150 pickup; 3) 1974 Michigan Loader 75B; 4) 1981 Int Backhoe with hydro hammer 280A; 5) Meter Mater top dresser, 5hp; 6) Agri-fab pull behind leaf vacuum; 7) Pull behind sprayer, 30-gallon tank; 8) Tar Crack filler; 9) Other miscellaneous items.

Ayes – All.

9. Consider request from Roller Underground to rent the Hippodrome for practices, possibly scrimmages, and bouts

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Lillis to approve request from Roller Underground to rent the Hippodrome from March-April 2022 as follows:

1. *Hippodrome Rental for 2 days per week for weekly practices (Monday and Thursdays from 6-8 p.m.) at a cost of \$50/per practice;*
2. *Use of the small closet in Hippodrome for storage of league supplies;*
3. *Hippodrome Rental on game day, scrimmages, spectator/non-spectator bouts, Clinic or Training Session on Weekends at a cost of \$250/per event;*
4. *All of the Above will be contingent upon COVID-19 Pandemic guidelines, regulations, recommendations per City of Eveleth and other governing authorities.*

Ayes – All.

10. Consider pay request #Final from 3D Concrete and Construction in the amount of \$5,881.80 for 2021 Curb & Sidewalk Improvements & water/sewer dig repairs

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to approve pay request #Final from 3D Concrete and Construction in the amount of \$5,881.80 for 2021 Curb & Sidewalk Improvements & water/sewer dig repairs. Ayes – All.

J. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Perpich said the snowmobile trail board is interested in constructing a shed. City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek will discuss options with the board.

K. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

City Engineer Alan Johnson reported that he had a discussion with the contractors on the Garfield Street Project. The contractors are hoping to be done with the final project by October 15th.

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek announced the Mixed Doubles Curling Olympic Trials have been relocated from Irvine, California to Eveleth, Minnesota. The event will be held at the RRCC October 26-31, 2021. Acting Mayor Koivunen said this event is sure to bring a lot of press to the area and encouraged everyone to attend. Rauzi commented that this will be a World Class Curling event right here in Eveleth.

L. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.