

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
2:00 p.m., October 15, 2024
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 Jim Perpich, Absent
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; City Attorney Joel Lewicki; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Deputy Police Chief Brian Ness

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- 1. Minutes of City Council Special Meeting held September 26, 2024;*
- 2. Minutes of City Council Workshop held September 30, 2024;*
- 3. Minutes of City Council Workshop held October 1, 2024; and*
- 4. Minutes of City Council Meeting held October 1, 2024.*

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve the Agenda with the following changes:

Remove:

I.2. Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources for new housing development infrastructure at 801 Jones Street

I.7. Quote for new boiler for Multi-Purpose/Fine Arts building

Add:

1.9. Downtown Revitalization

Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

None.

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution Opting to Join the Statewide Volunteer Firefighter Plan

Scott Lesnau, President of the Eveleth Fire Relief Association, addressed the Council. The Fire Relief would like to join the statewide PERA group which would alleviate a lot of responsibility and administrative time for the officers who manage these funds.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to adopt Resolution No. 2024-35, “Resolution Opting to Join the Statewide Volunteer Firefighter Plan.” Ayes – All.

2. Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources for new housing development infrastructure at 801 Jones Street

This item was removed from the agenda.

3. Change Order 004 from Max Gray Construction in the amount of \$17,773.29

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Change Order 004 from Max Gray Construction in the amount of \$17,773.29. Ayes – All.

4. Pay Application 011 from Max Gray Construction in the amount of \$40,209.57 for City of Eveleth Projects

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to approve Pay Application 001 from Max Gray Construction in the amount of \$40,209.57 for City of Eveleth Projects. Ayes – All.

5. Pay Application 01 from George Bougalis and Sons Co. in the amount of \$173,141.30 for Leonidas Overlook Project

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Pay Application 01 from George Bougalis and Sons Co. in the amount of \$173,141.30 for Leonidas Overlook Project. Ayes – All.

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek reported that the City has received a grant from the IRRRB in the amount of \$50,000 towards the project. The remaining money will come from the hotel/motel funds.

6. Change Order 002 from George Bougalis and Sons Co. in the amount of \$0 (time extension) for Leonidas Overlook Project

George Bougalis and Sons Co., contractor for the Leonidas Overlook Project, is requesting more time to complete the project.

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Change Order 002 from George Bougalis and Sons Co. for a time extension for the Leonidas Overlook Project. Ayes – All.

The contract time will be increased by 29 days with a new date of substantial completion by November 30, 2024.

7. Quote for new boiler for Multi-Purpose/Fine Arts building

This item was removed from the agenda.

8. Closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.05, subdivision 3(c) to develop an offer for the purchase of real property located at 411, 413, and 419 Grant Avenue, Eveleth, and Closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.05, subdivision 3(b) Attorney-client privilege

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to go into closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.05, subdivision 3(c) to develop an offer for the purchase of real property located at 411, 413, and 419 Grant Avenue, Eveleth, and

*closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.05, subdivision 3(b)
Attorney-client privilege. Ayes – All.*

Closed session started at 2:23 p.m. and concluded at 2:46 p.m. regarding the purchase of real property located at 411, 413 and 419 Grant Avenue, Eveleth.

Closed session started at 2:47 p.m. and concluded at 2:57 p.m. regarding attorney client privilege pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.05, subdivision 3(b).

9. Downtown Revitalization

This item was addressed prior to the Council going into closed session.

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to authorize Development Consultant Bob Streetar to work on the downtown revitalization plan at an estimated cost of \$18,969.00. Ayes – All.

J. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

K. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Public Works Director – Public Works Director Rosati reported on a great turnout for the first Minnesota Wilderness Junior Hockey game at the Hippodrome. Rosati said the second game will be held on Friday at 7:00 p.m. and encouraged the public to attend.

L. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.