

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
5:00 p.m., October 18, 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; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati, Police Chief Jesse Linde, City Attorney Joel Lewicki, Benchmark Engineer, Jeremy Schwarze

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

1. *Minutes of City Council Workshop held August 8, 2022;*
2. *Minutes of City Council Workshop held September 26, 2022;*
3. *Minutes of City Council Special Meeting held September 29, 2022;*
4. *Minutes of City Council Workshop held October 4, 2022;*
5. *Minutes of City Council Meeting held October 4, 2022; and*
6. *Minutes of City Council Special Meeting held October 10, 2022.*

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the agenda with the following changes:

Remove:

- I.13. Resolution Accepting Donation for K-9 Unit*

Add:

- I.14. Approve Proposal from Streetar Consulting*

Ayes – All

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Proposed Resolution Supporting the Mission of the Mesabi Fit Coalition from Sharon Chadwick

Sharon Chadwick addressed the Council on behalf of the Mesabi Fit Coalition. Chadwick is the Chair of the Mesabi Fit Coalition which is an organized nonprofit group. The Coalition has been in existence for two months and was formed after the closure of the Mesabi Family YMCA in Mountain Iron. The Mesabi Fit Coalition is committed to assuring the Mesabi Family Y facility will be utilized for aquatic, fitness and other recreational opportunities by the general public, including children, seniors and low-income families.

Chadwick said the Coalition is looking for local government entities to approve of their resolution which supports the mission of the Mesabi Fit Coalition.

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to adopt Resolution No. 2022-29, "Resolution Supporting the Mission of the Mesabi Fit Coalition." Ayes – All.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll - September 16-30, 2022 in the amount of \$233,824.02

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Consent Agenda Item F.1. Approval of Payroll- September 16-30, 2022. Ayes – All.

2. Northeast Healthcare Professional Coalition Participation Agreement

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to approve Consent Agenda Item F.2. Northeast Healthcare Professional Coalition Participation Agreement. Ayes – All.

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Letter of Intent for Purchase, Sale and Development of Real Property within the City of Eveleth (Bois Forte Band of Chippewa)

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Letter of Intent for Purchase, Sale and Development of Real Property within the City of Eveleth (Bois Forte Band of Chippewa). Ayes – All.

1. Authorize Benchmark Engineering to commence field work and design of slip ramp from Hat Trick Avenue to Fayal Road

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Perpich to authorize Benchmark Engineering to commence field work and design of slip ramp from Hat Trick Avenue to Fayal Road. Ayes – All.

2. Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$10,900 for 2022 Roosevelt & Douglas Ave. Utilities Improvements

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$10,900 for 2022 Roosevelt & Douglas Avenue Utilities Improvements. Ayes – All.

3. Change Order No. 1 to extend the project expiration date for the 2022 Fayal Pond Trail Improvements

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to approve Change Order No. 1 to extend the project expiration date for the 2022 Fayal Pond Trail Improvements. Ayes – All.

4. Resignation of Patrol Officer Johnathan Brockopp

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to accept resignation of Patrol Officer Johnathan Brockopp effective October 21, 2022 and to send him a letter of thanks for his service. Ayes – All.

5. Request to fill Patrol Officer position vacated by Johnathan Brockopp

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to authorize Police Chief to fill vacant Patrol Officer position vacated by Johnathan Brockopp. Ayes – All.

6. Authorize hiring of firefighter

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Perpich to authorize hiring of firefighter Wyatt William Clark contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment physical. Ayes – All.

7. Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Labor & Industry for an OSHA Grant for the Eveleth-Virginia Airport

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to adopt Resolution No. 2022-30, “Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Labor & Industry for an OSHA Grant for the Eveleth-Virginia Airport.” Ayes – All.

8. Letter from MN Warriors Ice Hockey

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to authorize Public Works Director Rosati to work with MN Warriors Ice Hockey to schedule their team practices at no charge to be held at the Eveleth Hippodrome. Ayes – All.

9. Ground Ambulance Paramedic Intercept and Support Services Agreement (with City of Virginia)

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Perpich to approve Ground Ambulance Paramedic Intercept and Support Services Agreement with the City of Virginia. Ayes – All.

10. Ground Ambulance Paramedic Intercept and Support Services Agreement (with City of Hibbing)

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Ground Ambulance Paramedic Intercept and Support Services Agreement with the City of Hibbing. Ayes – All.

11. Resignation from Eric George, EMT

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Perpich to approve resignation from Eric George, EMT, and to send him a letter of thanks for his service. Ayes – All.

13. Resolution Accepting Donation for K-9 Unit

This item was removed from the agenda.

14. Approve Proposal from Streetar Consulting

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to approve proposal with Streetar Consulting for the following:

- *Retain Streetar Consulting to prepare a small area work plan to explore possible future uses for the school site at a cost of \$12,866.00 in a 45-60 day time frame;*
- *Authorize Maxfield Research to complete a housing needs assessment at a cost of \$14,000.00 in a 120-180 day time frame; and*

- *Authorize Benchmark Engineering to complete an ATLA Survey for the school site at a cost of \$25,880.00 in a 21-45 day time frame.*

Ayes – All.

J. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Vlasisavljevich reported on the Eveleth-Virginia Airport. He said the interim manager, Brian Zadnikar, and Airport Secretary Kris Marafioti are doing a fantastic job. Fuel sales have increased at the airport.

K. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Public Works Director – Director Rosati reported that concrete pouring will be starting at Roosevelt/Douglas. The driveways will be done first followed by sidewalks.

L. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Deb Koski was the winner of two Minnesota Wild Hockey game tickets sponsored by the United States Hockey Hall of Fame Museum.