

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
5:00 p.m., October 20, 2020
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 John Rauzi, Present
Councilor Brad Hadrava, Absent
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 Mitch Brunfelt; Police Chief Tim Koivunen, Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

1. *City Council Workshop Meeting held September 21, 2020;*
2. *City Council Workshop Meeting held October 6, 2020; and*
3. *City Council Meeting held October 6, 2020.*

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – September 16-30, 2020 in the amount of \$142,202.10
2. Revised Eveleth Virginia Airport Authority Joint Powers Agreement (regarding quorum)
3. Eveleth Youth Hockey Association Lawful Gambling Permit on November 27, 2020 (Eveleth Elks Club, 415 ½ Jones Street, Eveleth)

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

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Bids for 2021 Garfield Street Improvements

The following bids were received on October 1, 2020 for the 2021 Garfield Street Improvements Project:

Mesabi Bituminous Inc.	\$1,657,306.80
Utility Systems of America Inc.	\$1,682,016.50
Casper Construction Inc.	\$1,637,500.00
KGM	\$1,748,057.00
Veit & Company, Inc.	\$1,585,365.50
TNT Construction Group, LLC	\$1,619,000.00
Ulland Brothers Inc.	\$1,766,330.10

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve awarding bid for 2021 Garfield Street Improvements to Veit & Company, LLC of Rogers, Minnesota in the amount of \$1,585,365.50. Ayes – All.

2. Request from North St. Louis County Habitat for Humanity for reduced camping fees at Veterans Park

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve request from North St. Louis County Habitat for Humanity for reduced camping fees at Veterans Park for two crews of Care-a-Vanners for the tentative dates of June 20 to July 3, 2021 and July 18 to July 31, 2021. Ayes – All.

Public Works Director Rosati said the group may change some of the dates to keep away from the busiest dates at the Veterans Park.

3. Request from Jasmine Reid (Producer), Way of the Warriors, to use the Hippodrome and at a reduced rate

Director Rosati received a request from Jasmine Reid (Producer for the movie “Way of the Warriors”) to use the Hippodrome for filming at a reduced rate. The crew would be made up of about 100-150 people each day. Everyone on the crew will be tested for COVID.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to authorize Jasmine Reid to use the Hippodrome for filming the movie “Way of the Warriors” and at a reduced rate of \$1,000.00 for the entire filming process. Ayes – All.

The producer is planning to use the Hippodrome for 4 to 7 days.

4. Pay Request from 3D Concrete and Construction in the amount of \$15,000 for 2020 WWTP holding pond repairs

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Pay Request from 3D Concrete and Construction in the amount of \$15,000 for 2020 WWTP holding pond repairs. Ayes – All.

5. Pay Request #2 from 3D Concrete and Construction Inc. in the amount of \$19,532.50 for 2020 Curb & Sidewalk Improvements

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve Pay Request No. 2 from 3D Concrete and Construction Inc., in the amount of \$19,532.50 for 2020 Curb & Sidewalk Improvements. Ayes – All.

6. Pay Request #3 from 3D Concrete and Construction Inc. in the amount of \$1,403 for 2020 Curb & Sidewalk Improvements

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Pay Request No. 3 from 3D Concrete and Construction Inc. in the amount of \$1,403 for 2020 Curb & Sidewalk Improvements. Ayes – All.

7. Recommendation to hire firefighter

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve recommendation to hire Alexander Tyron-Tasson as firefighter for the Eveleth Fire Department. Ayes – All.

8. Fire Consolidation Q&A

Councilor Lillis informed the Council that the Fire Department Shared Services Committee has been working through the process and will be using the Questions and Answer document as a guide on how the information officer can relay information to the public. The first set of questions have been approved by Fayal Township and the consolidation group.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the first set of the Fire Department Merger Question and Answer document. Ayes – All.

9. Resolution Accepting Donation for K-9 Unit

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2020-30, “Resolution Accepting Donation for K-9 Unit” and to send a letter of thanks to the Eveleth Elks Club. Ayes – All.

The Eveleth Elks Club donated \$2,520.

10. Resolution Accepting Donation

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2020-31, “Resolution Accepting Donation” contingent upon the funds going towards the Eveleth K-9 Unit and that a letter of thanks be sent to the Eveleth Elks Club. Ayes – All.

These Eveleth Elks Club raised \$1,000 in conjunction with their spaghetti feed which they have donated towards the Eveleth Police K-9 Unit.

Councilor Koivunen commented that he has seen the dog in action and that it takes money to have such a special dog. He thanked the Eveleth Elks for their contributions.

11. Reschedule November 3, 2020 regular City Council meeting

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to reschedule the November 3, 2020 regular City Council Meeting to November 12, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. Ayes – All.

The meeting was rescheduled as November 3, 2020 is the General Election.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Vlasisavljevich reported on the first organizational board meeting for the new Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority. Vlasisavljevich said the new board members toured the airport and will be taking one step at a time to determine how the airport should operate.

Councilor Koivunen informed the Council that the Golf Commission will be meeting with Director Rosati to determine the outcome of the 2020 season.

Councilor Lillis reported that the Fire Shared Services Committee met again and everything is continuing forward. They will be focusing on the joint powers agreement.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Police Chief – Chief Koivunen reminded the public that calendar parking is in effect. Koivunen said it is imperative that residents follow the schedule in order for the City to remove snow.

Koivunen noted an incident which started in Eveleth yesterday and ended with a suspect being apprehended in Virginia. He thanked local law enforcement for teaming up together and reported that Virginia's K-9 was able to capture the suspect. Eveleth's K-9, Bear, was also at the scene.

M. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.