

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
5:00 p.m., November 1, 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, 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; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati, Police Chief Jesse Linde, City Attorney Joel Lewicki, Benchmark Engineer, Alan Johnson; Therese Elverum, EMS Operations Supervisor

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

1. *Minutes of City Council Workshop held October 13, 2022;*
2. *Minutes of City Council Workshop held October 17, 2022; and*
3. *Minutes of City Council Meeting held October 18, 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 - October 1-15, 2022 in the amount of \$121,575.34**

2. **Approval of Claims – October 2022 in the amount of \$671,229.09**
3. **Request for five EMTs to attend the Arrowhead EMS Conference, Duluth, MN, January 25-29, 2023**

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

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. AED Grant Award to Police Department

Police Chief Linde explained that the Eveleth Police Department has received five new AEDs as part of the Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust Grant. The grant was awarded to the University of Minnesota in an effort to provide all law enforcement vehicles with an AED to improve cardiac arrest survival. The Eveleth Police Department will donate their AEDs to three local businesses.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to accept the five new Stryker CR2 AEDs from the University of Minnesota and to donate the Eveleth Police Department's used AEDs to Jon's Drug, The Rink Sports Bar & Grill and the Eveleth Market. Ayes – All.

2. Resolution to Apply for IRRRB Development Partnership Grant Program (explore future uses of the Rock Ridge Eveleth campus)

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2022-31, "Resolution to Apply for IRRRB Development Partnership Grant Program (to explore future uses of the Rock Ridge Eveleth campus)." Ayes – All.

3. Quote from Mid-State Inc. for a new dump truck with plow

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to accept quote from Mid-State Inc. for a new dump truck with plow in the amount of \$241,000.05. Ayes – All.

Public Works Director Rosati explained that the new dump truck will not be available until 2024. City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek suggested the Council set aside some funds at the budget meeting.

4. Exhibit B to Resolution 2019-05 – Slip Ramp from Hat Trick Avenue to Fayal Road & West Eveleth Sanitary Sewer Improvements

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to adopt Exhibit B to Resolution 2019-05 – Slip Ramp from Hat Trick Avenue to Fayal Road & West Eveleth Sanitary Sewer Improvements. Ayes – All.

5. Resolution Authorizing the City to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation (Slip Ramp from Hat Trick Avenue to Fayal Road)

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to adopt Resolution No. 2022-32, “Resolution Authorizing the City to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation (Slip Ramp from Hat Trick Avenue to Fayal Road).” Ayes – All.

6. Revisions to Ambulance Operating Guidelines

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the following revision to the Ambulance Service Operating Guidelines:

Shift Policy – A maximum of ten (10) shifts may be taken on the 1st of each month, to include shift supervisors may sign up for a maximum of 7 lead shifts and 3 regular shifts on the 1st of each month.

Ayes – Koivunen, Lillis, Vlasisavljevich; Abstain – Rauzi (due to conflict of interest). Motion carried.

7. Helicopter Ambulance Intercept and Support Services Agreement (with North Memorial Health Care)

Therese Elverum, EMS Operations Supervisor, clarified that this is a standard contract up for renewal with North Memorial.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the Helicopter Ambulance Intercept and Support Services Agreement with North Memorial Health Care. Ayes – Koivunen, Lillis, Vlasisavljevich; Abstain – Rauzi (due to conflict of interest). Motion carried.

8. Resignation of Alayna Zlimen, EMT

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to accept the resignation from EMT Alayna Zlimen and to send her a letter of thanks for her service. Ayes – All.

9. Authorize hiring of firefighter

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to approving hiring Raymond Michael Elj as firefighter contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment physical. Ayes – All.

10. Letter of Support for Iron Range Brownfields Program to apply for a FY23 Brownfield Assessment Grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek reminded the Council of the City’s prior participation in the Iron Range Brownfields Program. The Letter of Support would allow the City of Virginia to apply for the community-wide grant for up to \$500,000 for hazardous substance investigations.

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Letter of Support for Iron Range Brownfields Program to apply for FY23 Brownfield Assessment Grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency. Ayes – All.

J. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Rauzi reported on the success of the Eveleth HRA. Rauzi stated that the HRA is in the process of purchasing a snow removal/grass cutting device for around \$20,000. Window and door replacements have gone as planned. Currently, there is only one vacancy.

Mayor Vlaisavljevich reported on the meeting today with the Rock Ridge School Board representatives concerning hockey ice time at the Eveleth Hippodrome. Vlaisavljevich said the meeting was a start by having the right people in the room so no one is relying on second hand information.

K. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Public Works Director – Director Rosati said the final coat of pavement is down on Douglas Avenue. The contractors will be finishing some landscaping with sodding. The nice weather has extended the time frame to get things done.

City Engineer – Alan Johnson reported that the power and gas have been disconnected to the house at 1104 McKinley. He will be getting an updated demolition schedule from G-Men.

Clerk-Administrator – Monahan-Junek revealed an IRRRB grant was awarded to the West Eveleth Apartments. The grant is for demolition of the interior of the apartments. The owner will be renovating apartments.

Ambulance – EMS Operations Supervisor Elverum reported on a successful Halloween event at the Eveleth Ambulance. The tricker treating event was announced on social media. They opened up their doors to hundreds of kids. The Eveleth Ambulance will be working with

Scenic Rivers Clinic for a toy drive on December 1st. Donations of new, unwrapped toys can also be made at the Eveleth Fire Station or the Scenic Rivers Clinic.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich suggested the City start thinking of hosting events for kids during the winter months. Vlasisavljevich proposed some sort of kid's night at the Eveleth Auditorium. City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek will discuss this with Library Director Mary Ellen Higgins. There may be some funding available through the Library.

L. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.