

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
5:00 p.m., November 5, 2019
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; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Police Chief Tim Koivunen; Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- 1. Minutes of City Council Special Meeting held September 25, 2019;*
- 2. Minutes of City Council Workshop Meeting held September 30, 2019; and*
- 3. Minutes of City Council Meeting held October 1, 2019.*

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

- J17. Renewal for 2AM Liquor License, 214 Grant Inc., dba Red Garter Lounge, 214 Grant Avenue, Eveleth, MN*
- J18. New Ambulance Financing*

Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Appointment of Paul Muhich to the Planning Commission

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to appoint Paul Muhich to the Planning Commission for the term effective 11/5/2019 to 1/31/2023. Ayes – All.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Bill Aho, Eveleth Heritage Society, thanked the Council for use of the Auditorium on Saturday, November 3, 2019 for the *Wildrose* fundraising event. Aho also thanked the public and estimated they were almost at full capacity for the Heritage Society's first fundraising event. Mayor Vlasisavljevich commented that it was nice to see an interest. Aho said it turned out to be a social event by joining people together after 35 years since the original movie was produced. Councilor Rauzi thanked the Eveleth Library and Miner's Bank for use of their popcorn makers at the event.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of Payroll – September 16-30, 2019 in the amount of \$144,665.98**
- 2. Approval of Payroll – October 1-15, 2019 in the amount of \$122,070.71**
- 3. Approval of Claims – October 2019 in the amount of \$908,684.63**
- 4. Recommendation for St. Louis County CDBG Citizen Advisory Committee**

Councilor John Rauzi will be serving as the Eveleth representative for the CDBG Citizen Advisory Committee.

- 5. Audit Proposal from Walker, Giroux & Hahne LLC for 2019 Annual Audit**
- 6. Letter of support for Iron Range Brownfields Coalition EPA grant application**
- 7. Broker Proposal from SVC Northco Real Estate Services for 701 Hat Trick Avenue and adjoining vacant land**

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

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Pay Request No. 2 from 3D Concrete & Construction in the amount of \$18,864.70 for 2019 Curb & Sidewalk Improvements

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to approve Pay Request No. 2 from 3D Concrete & Construction in the amount of \$18,864.70 for 2019 Curb & Sidewalk Improvements. Ayes – All.

2. Change Order No. 1 from Classic Protective Coatings in the amount of \$19,329.67 for 2018 Water Tower Improvements

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Change Order No. 1 from Classic Protective Coatings in the amount of \$19,329.67 for 2018 Water Tower Improvements. Ayes – All.

Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering, explained that the increase was due to a wage increase (as it took quite a while to get a PFA loan in place) and not material costs.

3. Pay Request No. 6/final from Classic Protective Coatings in the amount of \$82,529.67 for 2018 Water Tower Improvements

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve Pay Request No. 6/final from Classic Protective Coatings in the amount of \$82,529.67 for 2018 Water Tower Improvements. Ayes – All.

4. Change Order No. 1 from Jola & Sopp Excavating in the amount of \$9,712.00 for 2018 Douglas Court Sanitary Sewer Improvements

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Change Order No. 1 from Jola & Sopp Excavating in the amount of \$9,712.00 for 2018 Douglas Court Sanitary Sewer Improvements. Ayes – All.

5. Pay Request No. 3/final from Jola & Sopp Excavating in the amount of \$8,093.85 for 2018 Douglas Court Sanitary Sewer Improvements

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Pay Request No. 3/final from Jola & Sopp Excavating in the amount of \$8,093.85 for 2018 Douglas Court Sanitary Sewer Improvements. Ayes – All.

6. Change Order No. 1 from Jola & Sopp Excavating in the amount of -\$6,561.00 for 2018 Jackson Street 700 Block Improvements

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve Change Order No. 1 from Jola & Sopp Excavating in the amount of -\$6,561.00 for 2018 Jackson Street 700 Block Improvements and Pay Request No. 3/final from Jola & Sopp Excavating in the amount of \$21,747.70 for 2018 Jackson Street 700 Block Improvements. Ayes – All.

7. Pay Request No. 3/final from Jola & Sopp Excavating in the amount of \$21,747.70 for 2018 Jackson Street 700 Block Improvements

This item was addressed above.

8. Approve scope of work for Auditorium Stage Improvements

The following work is proposed for the Auditorium Stage Improvements:

General Conditions	\$ 8,000
Specialties (stage equipment – Rigging, Curtains, etc.)	\$ 50,000
Equipment (Video Projector Screen - \$55,000; Sound System - \$45,000)	\$100,000
Fire Suppression Allowance	\$ 2,500
Electrical/Mechanical (air handler, stage work lights)	\$ 17,500
Subtotal	\$178,000
ARI Fee	\$ 12,500
Construction Contingency	<u>\$ 17,800</u>
Total Proposed Project	\$208,300

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the scope of work for the Auditorium Stage Improvements with a total proposed project budget of \$208,300.00. Ayes – All.

9. Accept bid from Hometown Electric in the amount of \$9,835 for City Hall Lighting Replacement Project

Hometown Electric was the only bidder on October 24, 2019 for replacing the interior lighting at City Hall.

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to accept bid from Hometown Electric for City Hall Lighting Replacement Project in the amount of \$9,835.00. Ayes – All.

10. Accept bid from Max Gray Construction Inc. in the amount of \$37,300 for City Hall Reception Counter

Max Gray Construction was the only bidder on October 24, 2019 for construction of the reception counter at City Hall.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to accept bid from Max Gray Construction Inc. in the amount of \$37,300 for City Hall Reception Counter. Ayes – All.

This is a budgeted item. The cost may actually go down after the solid surface countertop material has been determined. A transaction window and door will be installed at the counter. Councilor Lillis said this is a safety issue for City Hall staff.

11. Pay Request No. 2 from Bougalis, Inc. in the amount of \$62,035.00 for Fayal Pond Lift Station Reconstruction

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Pay Request No. 2 from Bougalis, Inc. in the amount of \$62,035.00 for Fayal Pond Lift Station Reconstruction. Ayes – All.

Councilor Koivunen asked if this will be covered under the City's insurance as the damage was related to an accident. City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek indicated the City paid the deductible, and has already been reimbursed for some out-of-pocket expenses. There are also a few upgrades to the system, and guard rails are being added to the area as a preventative measure.

12. Correspondence from RAMS regarding nominations for Board of Directors

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to nominate Councilor Hadrava for the RAMS Board of Directors. Ayes – All.

13. Recommendation from Public Safety Committee regarding firefighter pay and annual retirement benefit

The Eveleth Fire Relief Association has requested an increase in their annual retirement benefit from \$2,100 to \$2,200. Fire Chief Spurlin has also requested an increase in pay for fire calls and training.

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the following request based on recommendation of the Public Safety Committee:

- *Increase the Eveleth Fire Relief Association annual retirement benefit from \$2,100 to \$2,200 effective January 1, 2020 and contingent on the Relief Association revising their bylaws to reflect the increase and submitting the bylaws to the City Council for approval;*
- *Increase fire call pay to \$10/hour (from \$7/hour) effective January 1, 2020; and*
- *Increase training pay to \$7/hour (from \$5/hour) effective January 1, 2020.*

Ayes – All.

14. Resolution Accepting Donation from Friends of the Eveleth Parks

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2019-24, “Resolution Accepting Donation from Friends of the Eveleth Parks” and to send a letter of thanks to the Friends of the Eveleth Parks for their \$500.00 donation. Ayes – All.

The Council accepted the \$500 donation from the Friends of the Eveleth Parks. The money will be used towards new outdoor Christmas decorations.

15. Request from Safety Committee to purchase new AEDs

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve recommendation from the Safety Committee to purchase six Heartstart Defibrillator AEDs from Phillips Healthcare for \$5,881.92

One of the new AEDs will be placed at the City Auditorium.

16. Resolution Authorizing Grant of Access Easement Agreement and Authorizing Grant of Land License Agreement to CE Power Engineered Services, LLC (formerly known as Utilities Plus Energy Services Inc.)

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to approve Resolution Authorizing Grant of Access Easement Agreement and Authorizing Grant of Land License Agreement to CE Power Engineered Services, LLC. Ayes – All.

17. Renewal for 2AM Liquor License, 214 Grant Inc., dba Red Garter Lounge, 214 Grant Avenue, Eveleth, MN

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve renewal of 2AM Liquor License, for 214 Grant Inc., dba Red Garter Lounge, 214 Grant Avenue, Eveleth, MN. Ayes – All.

18. New Ambulance Financing

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the following financing for the purchase of a new ambulance:

Financing Purchase:

*\$ 20,000.00 Donation from Town of Fayal
\$ 50,000.00 Ambulance vehicle replacement fund
\$ 50,000.00 Fire vehicle replacement fund
\$139,023.45 General fund reserves
\$259,023.45 Total*

Cost Breakdown:

\$207,575.00 *Ambulance*
\$ 43,729.95 *Stryker Power Load cot*
\$ 7,717.50 *Motorola radio*
\$259,023.45 *Total*

Ayes – All.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Rauzi updated the Council on the Library Board Meeting. He said the recent book sale was successful. Rauzi said the Library is moving in the right direction and commended their wide variety of programs offered to the public.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

City Engineer – Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering, informed the Council they should be considering a pay request at the next meeting for a guard rail which was installed this summer on South court.

Fire Chief Guy Spurlin thanked the Mayor and Council for their commitment to the Eveleth Fire Department.

M. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.