

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
5:00 p.m., November 7, 2023
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; Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

1. *Minutes of City Council Workshop Meeting held October 13, 2023; and*
2. *Minutes of City Council Meeting held October 17, 2023.*

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

Dave Hamalainen – Curl Mesabi

Dave Hamalainen presented a concept developed by the Iron Range Engineering program to construct the world's largest curling stone and broom to be displayed at the Range Recreation Civic Center. Students from the program came up with the idea and Architectural Resources rendered the design aspects. Hamalainen will be presenting the idea to the city councils within the Quad Cities. They are seeking funding for the projected estimated at \$400,000.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of Payroll – October 1-15, 2023 in the amount of \$126,658.01**
- 2. Approval of Claims – October 2023 in the amount of \$900,046.00**

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

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

I. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Quote from MTI for a new golf course greens mower**

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Perpich to approve quote from MTI in the amount of \$48,700.43 for a new golf course greens mower. Ayes – All.

- 2. Authorize City Engineer to proceed with engineering field work for design services for 2024 airport water main replacement (Miller Trunk Rd. south of Ely Lake Drive to the airport).**

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to authorize Benchmark Engineering to proceed with engineering field work for design services for 2023 airport water main replacement (Miller Trunk Road south of Ely Lake Drive to airport). Ayes – All.

- 3. Rental of 1000-gallon fuel tank for the city garage**

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve the rental with Edwards Oil for a 1000-gallon fuel tank for use at the city garage. Ayes – All.

- 4. Pay Application No. 2 for City Hall roof from Nelson Roofing, Inc. in the amount of \$28,853.40**

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Pay Application No. 2 for City Hall roof from Nelson Roofing, Inc. in the amount of \$28,853.40. Ayes – All.

5. Police Agreement with City of Leonidas

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Police Agreement with City of Leonidas. Ayes – All.

6. Fire Protection Agreement with City of Leonidas

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to approve Fire Protection Agreement with City of Leonidas. Ayes – All.

7. License Agreement and Transfer of Property Rights (513 Grant Ave.)

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve License Agreement and Transfer of Property Rights at 513 Grant Avenue between the City of Eveleth and Thomas Schaeffbauer. Ayes – All.

8. Bridge concept - Trunk Highway 53 over Trunk Highway 37

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve the Bridge Concept for Trunk Highway 53 over Trunk Highway 37. Ayes – All.

By request of the Mayor, City Clerk Administrator will check to see if this bridge will reference veteran Noah Pierce.

9. Letter from Jeff Torrell requesting to use Hippodrome for fundraiser for Katie Johnson

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Lillis to approve request from Jeff Torrell to use the Hippodrome on Wednesday, November 22, 2023 from 5:30 to 10:00 p.m. with no charge for the fundraiser for Rock Ridge School student Katie Johnson. Ayes – All.

Katie Johnson was injured an automobile accident when the vehicle she was riding in collided with a moose.

10. Approve hiring of firefighter

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Perpich to approve hiring Curtis Richard Schramm as a firefighter contingent upon completion of a pre-employment physical. Ayes – All.

11. Removal of police officer from probationary status

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve removing Police Officer Hunter Soular from probationary status effective November 8, 2023. Ayes – All.

12. Renewal of 2 a.m. License/Permit for Red Garter Lounge, 214 Grant Ave.

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve renewal of 2 AM Liquor/Permit for Red Garter Lounge, 214 Grant Avenue, Eveleth. Ayes – All.

J. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

K. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

None.

L. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.