

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
2:00 p.m., November 12, 2024
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Councilor Jim Perpich, Absent
Councilor John Rauzi, Present
Councilor Brian Lillis, Present
Councilor Joseph Koivunen, Absent
Mayor Robert Vlasisavljevich, Present

Also present: Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; City Attorney Joel Lewicki; Assistant Public Works Director Mark Karpen; Police Chief Jesse Linde; City Engineer Alan Johnson; City Clerk Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek (present for closed session at 2:30 p.m.)

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of Payroll – September 16-30, 2024 in the amount of \$193,715.60**
- 2. Approval of Payroll – October 1-15, 2024 in the amount of \$167,173.87**
- 3. Approval of Payroll – October 16-31, 2024 in the amount of \$202,040.78**
- 4. Approval of Claims – October 2024 in the amount of \$1,090,321.79**
- 5. Application for Exempt Permit from Laurentian Chamber of Commerce at Range**
- 6. Recreation Civic Center, 901 Hat Trick Avenue, December 13, 2024**
- 7. Request for seven (7) EMTs to attend the 44th Annual Arrowhead EMS Association Conference & Expo, January 15-19, 2025, Duluth, MN**

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

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution Opting to Join the Statewide Volunteer Firefighter Plan

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to adopt Resolution No. 2024-36,
“Resolution Opting to Join the Statewide Volunteer Firefighter Plan.” Ayes – All.*

**2. Resolution Canvassing Votes and Declaring Results of City General Election Held
November 5, 2024**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to adopt Resolution No. 2024-37,
“Resolution Canvassing Votes and Declaring Results of City General Election Held
November 5, 2024.” Ayes – All.*

**3. Resolution Accepting the Offer of the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority to
Purchase a General Obligation Water Revenue Note, Series 2024A, in the Original
Aggregate Principal Amount of \$799,946; Providing for its Issuance; and
Authorizing the Execution of a Bond Purchase and Project Loan Agreement and
Other Documentation in Connection Therewith**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to adopt Resolution No. 2024-38,
“Resolution Accepting the Offer of the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority to Purchase
a General Obligation Water Revenue Note, Series 2024A, in the Original Aggregate
Principal Amount of \$799,946; Providing for its Issuance; and Authorizing the Execution
of a Bond Purchase and Project Loan Agreement and Other Documentation in
Connection Therewith.” Ayes – All.*

**4. Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and accept
Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources for Destination
Hat Trick**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to adopt Resolution No. 2024-39,
“Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and accept Funds*

from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources for Destination Hat Trick.”
Ayes – All.

5. Proposal for Destination Hat Trick

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve the proposal from Streetar Consulting for Destination Hat Trick, 701 Hat Trick Avenue. Ayes – All.

Under the guidance of City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek, Consultant Bob Streetar will coordinate the work plan. The total cost for this plan is estimated not to exceed \$100,000.

6. Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources for Downtown Revitalization Phase I

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to adopt Resolution No. 2024-40, “Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources for Downtown Revitalization Phase I.” Ayes – All.

7. Pay Application 012 from Max Gray Construction in the amount of \$22,356.42 for City of Eveleth Projects

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Pay Application 012 from Max Gray Construction in the amount of \$22,356.42 for City of Eveleth Projects. Ayes – All.

8. Letter from The Overland Group regarding development of a Dollar General Store

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to acknowledge the letter from The Overland Group regarding their desire to collaborate with the City of Eveleth on the development of a Dollar General Store at the 408 Fayal Road location. Ayes – All.

9. Declaration of Building Condemnation of garage located at 111 Carrie Avenue

This item will be moved to the next agenda as the Council does not have a quorum with Councilor Lillis acting as the Code Enforcement Officer for this issue.

10. Second Amendment to Purchase Agreement with School District No. 2909, Rock Ridge Public Schools

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the Second Amendment to Purchase Agreement with School District No. 2909, Rock Ridge Public Schools. Ayes – All.

11. Quotes for heating Fine-Arts/Multi-Purpose Building at 801 Jones Street

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the following quotes for the Multi-Purpose Building Boiler Project at 801 Jones Street :

<i>Peterson Sheet Metal (Phase 1 & 2)</i>	<i>\$560,055.00</i>
<i>Twin Ports Aerial Services Inc. (temporary heat)</i>	<i>\$11,613.51</i>

Ayes – All.

Widseth Architect has been working with the City for the heating upgrade to the multi-purpose building which was part of the former high school. Peterson Sheet Metal will complete Phase 1 & 2 as follows:

Phase 1: Install boilers and pumps to keep the existing hot water system functioning.
Phase 2: Replace the air handler steam coils with hot water coils which includes additional pumps and piping.

12. Cooperative Agreement with St. Louis County regarding 2024 Winter Maintenance

Assistant Public Works Director Mark Karpen explained that the agreement pertains to snow removal on St. Louis County CSAH Roads.

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Cooperative Agreement with St. Louis County regarding 2024 Winter Maintenance. Ayes – All.

13. Lease Between City of Eveleth and United States Hockey Hall of Fame Museum, Inc.

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to approve Lease Between City of Eveleth and United States Hockey Hall of Fame Museum, Inc. Ayes – All.

14. Proposal from TMI Coatings, Inc. for City Hall Exterior Repairs

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to approve proposal from TMI Coatings, Inc. for City Hall Exterior Repairs at a cost of \$29,550.00. Ayes – All.

15. Pay Request No. 1 from DSG Company in the amount of \$302,599.23 for AMI Water Meter Project

Councilor Lillis asked how many meters are left to install. Assistant Public Works Director Mark Karpen reported that 1,071 meters have been install so far. The City will be seeking compliance from all customers for installation of the new automated meters. There are about 1,700 meters total in the area.

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to approve Pay Request No. 1 from DSG Company in the amount of \$302,599.23 for AMI Water Meter Project. Ayes – All.

16. Authorize Benchmark Engineering to prepare plans, specifications, and engineering field work for the 2025 Fayal Pond Trail & Parking Area - Phase 3

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to authorize Benchmark Engineering to prepare plans, specifications, and engineering field work for the 2025 Fayal Pond Trail & Parking Area – Phase 3. Ayes – All.

17. Resolution Making Levy and Assessment Against Taxable Properties for Special Assessments, and Delinquent Water, Sewer & Refuse Collection Accounts, and Miscellaneous Unpaid Obligations

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to adopt Resolution No. 2024-41, “Resolution Making Levy and Assessment Against Taxable Properties for Special Assessments, and Delinquent Water, Sewer & Refuse Collection Accounts, and Miscellaneous Unpaid Obligations.” Ayes – All.

18. Renewal for 2am License/Permit, Red Garter Lounge/214 Grant Inc., 214 Grant Avenue

This item was removed from the agenda due to an incomplete application.

19. Closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.05, subdivision 3(c) to develop an offer for the purchase of real property located at 411, 413, and 419 Grant Avenue, Eveleth

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to go into closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.05, subdivision 3(c) to develop an offer for the purchase of real property located at 411, 413, and 419 Grant Avenue, Eveleth. Ayes – All.

The closed session started at 2:14 p.m. Those present in the closed session were: Mayor Vlaisavljevich, Councilor Lillis, Councilor Rauzi, City Attorney Lewicki and Police Chief Linde.

20. Closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.05, subdivision 3(b) Attorney-client privilege

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to go into closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.05, subdivision 3(b) Attorney-client privilege. Ayes – All.

Closed session started at 2:30 p.m. In attendance: Mayor Vlasisavljevich, Councilor Lillis, Councilor Rauzi, City Attorney Lewicki, City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek, Police Chief Linde. Mayor Vlasisavljevich reconvened the regular meeting at 2:49 p.m.

J. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

K. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

None.

L. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:49 p.m.