

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Meeting**  
**5:02 p.m., November 15, 2022**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called the meeting to order at 5:01 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, Benchmark Engineer, Alan Johnson

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None.

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to approve the agenda with following additions:*

*I.6. Application for Exempt Permit, Rock Ridge Youth Hockey Association at Eveleth Elks Club, 415 Jones Street, Eveleth*

*I.7. Application for Exempt Permit, Laurentian Chamber of Commerce at Curl Mesabi, 901 Hat Trick Avenue, Eveleth*

*I.8. Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation (2023 City-Wide Infrastructure Projects)*

*Ayes – All.*

**E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

None.

## **F. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **1. Approval of Payroll - October 16-31, 2022 in the amount of \$180,159.70**

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

## **G. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

## **H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

## **I. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Rezoning of Lands Located near Station 44 Road**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis directing staff to initiate proceedings required by City of Eveleth Ordinance No. 73, Second Series, to amend the zoning classification of that portion of Parcel No. 040-206-00550 lying north of Minnesota State Highway 37, currently classified as zoning district R-1-One and Two Family Residential Zoning District, to zoning district C-2-Commercial (Highway) Zoning District, and depict the same on the Official Zoning Map. Ayes – All.*

### **2. Revisions to Fire Department Administrative Guidelines**

*Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve revisions to Fire Department Administrative Guidelines. Ayes – All.*

The revisions to the guidelines include employees of the fire department must live within a fifteen (15) minute response time and all new hires will serve a twelve (12) month probationary period.

### **3. Resolution Making Levy and Assessment Against Taxable Properties for Special Assessments and Delinquent Water, Sewer, and Refuse Collection Accounts**

*Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2022-34, “Resolution Making Levy and Assessment Against Taxable Properties for Special Assessments and Delinquent Water, Sewer, and Refuse Collection Accounts.” Ayes – All.*

**4. Recommendation to hire Park & Rec Worker**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve hiring Chad Hutkowski to fill the position of Park & Recreational Maintenance Worker, contingent upon the satisfactory completion of a pre-employment physical, drug screening and a criminal background check. Ayes – All.*

**5. Application for Exempt Permit, Rock Ridge Hoops Club at Eveleth-Gilbert High School Gymnasium, 801 Jones Street, Eveleth**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Perpich to approve Application for Exempt Permit, Rock Ridge Hoops Club at Eveleth-Gilbert High School Gymnasium, 801 Jones Street, Eveleth. Ayes – All.*

The dates of activity are as follows: January 5, 9, 10, 14, 24, 20 & 31, 2023 and February 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 17, 21 & 24, 2023.

**6. Application for Exempt Permit, Rock Ridge Youth Hockey Association at Eveleth Elks Club, 415 Jones Street, Eveleth**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to approve Application for Exempt Permit, Rock Ridge Youth Hockey Association at Eveleth Elks Club, 415 Jones Street, Eveleth. Ayes – All.*

The event is scheduled for November 25, 2022.

**7. Application for Exempt Permit, Laurentian Chamber of Commerce at Curl Mesabi, 901 Hat Trick Avenue, Eveleth**

*Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Application for Exempt Permit, Laurentian Chamber of Commerce at Curl Mesabi, 901 Hat Trick Avenue, Eveleth. Ayes – All.*

The event is scheduled for December 9, 2022.

**8. Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation (2023 City-Wide Infrastructure Projects)**

The projects for grant application are the Hat Trick Avenue slip ramp, filter model testing at the wastewater plant, West Eveleth Sanitary Sewer Force Main and Technology upgrades at the Water Treatment Plant and Wastewater Treatment Plant.

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to adopt Resolution No. 2022-35, "Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation (2023 City-Wide Infrastructure Projects)." Ayes – All.*

## **J. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilor Perpich indicated he was concerned as to whether or not the Public Works Department would have enough workers due to the holiday. Director Rosati said the employees are very dedicated and come in even on the holidays for snow plowing.

Councilor Lillis congratulated Mayor Vlasisavljevich, Councilor Koivunen and Councilor Rauzi on their reelection. He wished everyone a joyous and safe Thanksgiving.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich said he has received a lot of compliments with the demolition of the house at 1104 McKinley.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich referred to an incident which took place on election night.

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek described the incident where two individuals came to the Leonidas Polling Place on election day to serve as poll watchers. They did not have any credentials and were questioning some of the election laws. The incident escalated and the Eveleth Police Department was dispatched to the scene. Monahan-Junek said there are a lot of rules to adhere to on election day and that some of the information provided by the County and the Secretary of State to Eveleth City Election Officials changed throughout the day.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich would like to send a letter to the Secretary of State, on behalf of the Eveleth City Council, to ask for clarity, consistency and further training for election judges and election officials on how to handle these types of situations.

## **K. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS**

City Engineer – Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering, reported that there is a punch list for the Douglas and Roosevelt improvement projects. The list may need to wait until spring for final completion.

Eveleth Floral was the winner of two Minnesota Wild Hockey tickets sponsored by the United States Hockey Hall of Fame Museum.

## **L. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.