

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
2:00 p.m., November 19, 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, 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; City Attorney Joel Lewicki; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Police Chief Jesse Linde; 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 Meeting held October 15, 2024; and*
- 2. Minutes of City Council Workshop held October 29, 2024.*

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Supporting documentation for Item No. I.6. was distributed to the Council along with a revised ordinance for Item No. I.5.

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

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

None.

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

I. NEW BUSINESS

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

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to approve renewal for 2 AM License/Permit, Red Garter Lounge/214 Grant Inc., 214 Grant Avenue. Ayes – All.

2. Renewal for 2am License/Permit, Kay Kor Inc., dba Snicker's Lounge, 212 Grant Avenue

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve renewal for 2 AM License/Permit, Kay Kor Inc., dba Snicker's Lounge. Ayes – All.

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

Councilor Lillis indicated that he would not be participating on the discussion pertaining to this item as a City Councilor, but as the Code Enforcement Officer. Lillis reported that the leaseholder at 111 Carrie Avenue would like to take the garage down, but due to poor physical health they cannot comply with the order given. Lillis had approached Public Works Director Rosati to determine if the City's Public Works Department would have the ability to remove the building. Lillis described the building as a magnet for garbage with illegal dumping at the site as well as animal and insect infestation. The condemnation of the garage falls within the scope of blight remediation. Councilor Perpich cautioned the public works crew to make sure they take safety measures in dealing with the dust and mold when knocking down the garage. Director Rosati assured that they would take precautions.

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve the Declaration of Building Condemnation of the garage located at 111 Carrie Avenue, Eveleth, MN. Ayes – Rauzi; Koivunen; Perpich, Vlasisavljevich. Abstained – Lillis (due to conflict of interest). Motion carried.

4. Pay Application 002 from George Bougalis and Sons, Co. in the amount of \$28,601.65 for Leonidas Overlook

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek reported that the project is now complete. Councilor Rauzi said this is one of the last areas to be able to view four or five communities at once and see both old and new mining.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve Pay Application 002 from George Bougalis and Sons, Co. in the amount of \$28,601.65 for Leonidas Overlook. Ayes – All.

5. Introduction and First Reading of a Proposed Ordinance Imposing Penalties for Non-Compliance with Water Meter Upgrade Requirement

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Introduction and First Reading of a Proposed Ordinance Imposing Penalties for Non-Compliance with Water Meter Upgrade Requirement. Ayes – All.

6. Budget for heating Fine-Arts/Multi-Purpose Building at 801 Jones St.

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the budget for heating the Fine-Arts/Multi-Purpose Building at 801 Jones Street. Ayes – All.

7. Revised quote from Twin Ports Aerial Services, Inc. for Fine-Arts/Multi-Purpose Building at 801 Jones St.

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek said the lease with the school allowing the City to provide temporary heating started yesterday. Widseth Architects is planning to have some sort of monitoring system in the event the temperature drops in the building.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve revised quote from Twin Ports Aerial Services, Inc. for Fine-Arts/Multi-Purpose Building at 801 Jones Street. Ayes – All.

8. Quote from Max Gray Construction for Fine-Arts/Multi-Purpose Building at 801 Jones St.

The City requested a quotation from Max Gray Construction to install temporary barriers for heating the Fine-Arts/Multi-Purpose Building, and to also include installing a hollow metal frame and wood door at the building.

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve quote from Max Gray Construction for installation of temporary barriers, metal frame and wood door at the Fine-Arts/Multi-Purpose Building at 801 Jones Street in the amount of \$20,100.00. Ayes – All.

9. Authorize installation/repairs to split shared water line servicing 108 Kimberly Ave. & 104 Kimberly Ave.

Public Works Director Rosati said there have been a number of split water lines on leased land. Since the lines are combined, the City cannot shut off when the utilities are not paid on these properties. Councilor Lillis, reporting as the Code Enforcement Officer, said that this action was necessitated from the recent condemnation of the Kimberly Avenue property. The water service going into the home has been winterized. The main line running into the shared line is going to freeze if these are not split and water shut off at the curb. This would potentially cause the basement to fill with water this winter.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to authorize installation/repairs to split shared water line servicing 108 Kimberly Avenue and 104 Kimberly Avenue. Ayes – All.

J. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

K. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

None.

L. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.