

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Meeting**  
**5:00 p.m., November 21, 2023**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Acting Mayor Joseph Koivunen 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, Absent

Also present: City Clerk Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Deputy Police Chief Brian Ness; City Attorney Joel Lewicki; Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

1. *Minutes of City Council Meeting held November 7, 2023; and*
2. *Minutes of City Council Workshop held November 8, 2023.*

*Ayes – All.*

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**F. CONSENT AGENDA**

**1. Approval of Payroll – October 16-31, 2023 in the amount of \$177,081.50**

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

## G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

## H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

## I. NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Liquor Licenses for 2024

*Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve the following liquor license renewals for 2024 contingent upon each establishment submitting certificate of liquor liability insurance and paying any delinquent utilities or property taxes:*

<b>Establishment</b>	<b>License(s)</b>
214 Grant Inc. <b>DBA: Red Garter Lounge</b> 214 Grant Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734	Off Sale On-Sale Sunday On-Sale *2 AM Liquor License
<b>Curl Mesabi Inc.</b> 901 Hat Trick Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734	On-Sale Sunday On-Sale
Ebnet Enterprises Inc. <b>DBA: Harold's Bar</b> 223-225 Grant Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734	On-Sale
Eveleth Elks Bldg Corp. <b>DBA: Eveleth Elks Club</b> 415 ½ Jones Street, Box 686 Eveleth, MN 55734	Club On-Sale Sunday On-Sale
Kay Kor Inc. <b>DBA: Snicker's Lounge</b> 212 Grant Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734	On-Sale Off-Sale Sunday On-Sale *2 AM Liquor License
Lietz Liabilities Inc. <b>DBA: BoomTown Woodfire</b> 501 Hat Trick Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734	On Sale Sunday On-Sale

<b>Establishment</b>	<b>License(s)</b>
Margie's Roosevelt Inc. <b>DBA: Margie's Roosevelt</b> 202-204 Grant Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734	Off-Sale On-Sale Sunday On-Sale
Eveleth Bottle Shop, LLC <b>DBA: Eveleth Bottle Shop</b> 433 Fayal Road Eveleth, MN 55734	Off-Sale
Sue Gulbranson <b>DBA: Sue's Penalty Box</b> 311 Grant Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734	Off-Sale On-Sale Sunday On-Sale
DesWoods Inc. <b>DBA: The Rink Sports Bar &amp; Grill</b> 301 Hat Trick Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734	Off-Sale On-Sale Sunday On-Sale
R & M Woods Inc <b>DBA: Johnny D's</b> 301 Grant Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734	On-Sale Sunday on-Sale *2AM Liquor License
Marge's Liquor LLC <b>DBA: Marge's Liquor</b> 106 Grant Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734	Off-Sale

*Ayes – All.*

## 2. Tobacco Licenses for 2024

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the following tobacco licenses for 2024:*

<b>Business Name and Address</b>	<b>Owner/Officer</b>
<b>Eveleth Bottle Shop, LLC</b> 433 Fayal Road Eveleth, MN 55734	Michele B. Begich-Johnson
KAY KOR Inc. <b>DBA: Snicker's Lounge</b> 212 Grant Avenue, PO Box 677 Eveleth, MN 55734	James Bonicatto

<b>Business Name and Address</b>	<b>Owner/Officer</b>
C & B Warehouse Distributing, Inc. <b>DBA: Eveleth Short Stop</b> 410 Grant Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734	David Russell Troutwine

*Ayes – All.*

**3. Appointment of City Council Committee as Hearing Officer**

Councilor Lillis, who also serves as the Blight Enforcer Officer, explained that the committee would hear appeals related to administrative citations and would meet only as needed. Councilor Perpich expressed his desire to serve on the committee.

*Motion by Acting Mayor Koivunen to nominate Mayor Vlasisavljevich and Councilor Perpich to serve as the City Council Committee Hearing Officer and if Mayor Vlasisavljevich declines serving on the committee to appoint Councilor Koivunen to serve on the committee. Ayes – Koivunen, Perpich, Rauzi; Abstain – Lillis (due to conflict of interest). Motion carried.*

**4. Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources for the demolition/debris removal of 303 Grant Avenue**

*Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Lillis to adopt Resolution No. 2023-28, “Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources for the demolition/debris removal of 303 Grant Avenue.” Ayes – All.*

Acting Mayor Koivunen thanked all the surrounding emergency response departments for their support. Koivunen said he was thankful no one was hurt.

**5. Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources for Progress Parkway Site Concepts Work Plan**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to adopt Resolution No. 2023-29, Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources for Progress Parkway Site Concepts Work Plan.” Ayes – All.*

**6. Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources for the Slip Ramp from Hat Trick Avenue to Fayal Road**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to adopt Resolution No. 2023-30, “Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources for the Slip Ramp from Hat Trick Avenue to Fayal Road.” Ayes – All.*

**7. Resolution Making Levy and Assessment Against Taxable Properties for Special Assessments, and Delinquent Water, Sewer, & Refuse Collection Accounts, and Blight Correction/Removal**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to adopt Resolution No. 2023-31, “Resolution Making Levy and Assessment Against Taxable Properties for Special Assessments, and Delinquent Water, Sewer, & Refuse Collection Accounts, and Blight Correction/Removal.” Ayes – All.*

**J. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilor Lillis acknowledged that the firefighters have been very busy this fall. Lillis recognized them as an asset to the community and expressed appreciation for their services.

Councilor Perpich encouraged the public to attend the fundraising event at the Hippodrome tomorrow night for Rock Ridge High School Student, Katie Johnson. Katie was seriously injured last month in an automobile accident.

**K. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS**

City Engineer – Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering, reported that Mesabi Bituminous is planning to start on Phase 2 of the Fayal Pond Improvement Project either tomorrow or next week. They will not be paving the path until June.

Johnson reported on the slip ramp project. He is hoping receive follow up next week from MnDOT on the project.

Acting Mayor Koivunen wished a Happy Thanksgiving to all!

**L. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.