

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
5:00 p.m., December 3, 2019
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 John Rauzi, Present
Councilor Brad Hadrava, Present
Councilor Brian Lillis, Present
Councilor Joseph Koivunen, Absent
Mayor Robert Vlasisavljevich, Present

Also present: City Clerk Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Police Chief Tim Koivunen; Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the following minutes:

- 1. Minutes of City Council Workshop held November 15, 2019; and*
- 2. Minutes of City Council Meeting held November 19, 2019.*

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Hadrava to approve agenda with the following addition:

- J4. Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation*

Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of Payroll – November 1-15, 2019 in the amount of \$123,920.76
- 2. Approval of Claims – November 2019 in the amount of \$841,752.33

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

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve sale of 2004 ambulance to U.S. Steel

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve sale of Eveleth’s 2004 ambulance to U.S. Steel in the amount of \$2,500.00. Ayes – All.

2. Liquor Licenses for 2020

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve the following liquor license renewals for 2020 contingent upon each business submitting Certificates of Liquor Liability Insurance to the City and becoming current on any outstanding utilities or property taxes:

Establishment	License(s)
214 Grant Inc. DBA: Red Garter Lounge 214 Grant Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734	Off Sale On-Sale Sunday On-Sale *2 AM Liquor License (Expires 11/8/2020)
Curl Mesabi Inc. 901 Hat Trick Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734	On-Sale Sunday On-Sale

Establishment	License(s)
Ebnet Enterprises Inc. DBA: Harold's Bar 223-225 Grant Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734	On-Sale Sunday On-Sale
Eveleth Elks Bldg Corp. DBA: Eveleth Elks Club 415 ½ Jones Street, Box 686 Eveleth, MN 55734	Club On-Sale Sunday On-Sale
Kay Kor Inc. DBA: Snicker's Lounge 212 Grant Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734	On-Sale Off-Sale Sunday On-Sale *2 AM Liquor License (Expires 12/8/2020)
Lietz Liabilities Inc. DBA: BoomTown Woodfire 501 Hat Trick Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734	On Sale Sunday On-Sale
Marge's Drive-In Liquor Inc. DBA: Marge's Liquor Store 102-08 Grant Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734	Off-Sale
Margie's Roosevelt Inc. DBA: Margie's Roosevelt 202-204 Grant Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734	Off-Sale On-Sale Sunday On-Sale
Eveleth Bottle Shop, LLC DBA: Eveleth Bottle Shop 433 Fayal Road Eveleth, MN 55734	Off-Sale
Sue Gulbranson DBA: Sue's Penalty Box 311 Grant Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734	Off-Sale On-Sale Sunday On-Sale *2 AM Liquor License (Expires: 9/14/2020)
DesWoods Inc. DBA: The Rink Sports Bar & Grill 301 Hat Trick Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734	Off-Sale On-Sale Sunday On-Sale

Ayes – All.

3. Lease Amendment between United Taconite LLC and City of Eveleth regarding storage of recreational vehicles, camper trailers, or boats

Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Lillis to approve Lease Amendment between United Taconite LLC and City of Eveleth regarding storage of recreational vehicles, camper trailers, or boats. Ayes – All.

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek clarified the amendment in the lease will allow for year round parking (prior lease was from May to October). The City will take responsibility to monitor the site for blight conditions.

4. Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Hadrava to adopt Resolution No. 2019-36, “Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation.” Ayes – All.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Lillis reported on the November 25, 2019 Fire Consolidation Meeting he attended in Fayal. The group is at a consensus to move toward partial consolidation of the Eveleth, Gilbert and Fayal Fire Departments. At some point they may go beyond a partial combination, but to start with they will be joining training sessions beginning after the New Year. The second step may be to establish a set of uniform operating guidelines among the three entities. Lillis stated that, for the most part, everyone came out of the meeting feeling quite positive. The committee will meet again to try and hash out some details of what needs to be done to accomplish the goals they have set. Lillis said he was glad to see things are moving in a direction to benefit all three communities. It has been an Iron Range wide problem trying to staff and keep firefighters.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich said there is a lot of opportunity to collaborate, but they must work through the pride and egos involved. Vlasisavljevich said that public safety should not be a competitive business. He said that change is tough, but things are different today.

Councilor Lillis hoped that by the next Council meeting there will be a couple of resolutions for Council consideration to vote on the partial merger and authorizing application for a fire marshal grant.

L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Public Works Director – Director Rosati reported that applications have been submitted for CDBG and IRRRB grants. The City is seeking funding for utilities associated with the proposed Garfield Street project next year.

Councilor Lillis complimented the city crew for an outstanding job of snow removal after the weekend storm. He also recognized the police department for staying on top of a number of issues.

M. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.