

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
2:00 p.m., December 3, 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 Workshop held October 15, 2024;*
- 2. Minutes of City Council Meeting held November 12, 2024;*
- 3. Minutes of City Council Meeting held November 19, 2024; and*
- 4. Minutes of City Council Special Meeting held November 20, 2024.*

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the agenda with following revision:

(Add)
I.9. Discuss RAMS Board Representation

Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of Payroll – November 1-15, 2024 in the amount of \$172,370.36**
- 2. Approval of Claims – November 2024 in the amount of \$1,113,477.90**

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

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

I. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Second Reading of a Proposed Ordinance Imposing Penalties for Non-Compliance with Water Meter Upgrade Requirement**

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Second Reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 83, 2nd Series, “An Ordinance Imposing Penalties for Non-Compliance with Water Meter Upgrade Requirement.” Ayes – All.

Councilor Perpich urged those who have not had their new meter connected to get a hold of the Public Works Department to schedule an installation time.

1. Tobacco Licenses for 2025

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the following Tobacco Licenses for 2025:

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

<i>Business Name and Address</i>	<i>Owner/Officer</i>
<i>C & B Warehouse Distributing, Inc. DBA: Eveleth Short Stop 410 Grant Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734</i>	<i>David Russell Troutwine</i>
<i>Marge's Liquor LLC 106 Grant Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734</i>	<i>Ashley Judnick</i>

Ayes – All.

2. Liquor Licenses for 2025

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the following liquor license renewals for 2025 contingent upon each establishment submitting a certificate of insurance and becoming current on any utility bills or property taxes:

<i>Establishment</i>	<i>License(s)</i>
<i>214 Grant Inc. DBA: Red Garter Lounge 214 Grant Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734</i>	<i>Off Sale On-Sale Sunday On-Sale</i>
<i>Curl Mesabi Inc. 901 Hat Trick Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734</i>	<i>On-Sale Sunday On-Sale</i>
<i>Ebnet Enterprises Inc. DBA: Harold's Bar 223-225 Grant Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734</i>	<i>On-Sale</i>
<i>Eveleth Elks Bldg Corp. DBA: Eveleth Elks Club 415 ½ Jones Street, Box 686 Eveleth, MN 55734</i>	<i>Club On-Sale Sunday On-Sale</i>
<i>Kay Kor Inc. DBA: Snicker's Lounge 212 Grant Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734</i>	<i>On-Sale Off-Sale Sunday On-Sale</i>
<i>Lietz Liabilities Inc. DBA: BoomTown Woodfire 501 Hat Trick Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734</i>	<i>On Sale Sunday On-Sale</i>
<i>Margie's Roosevelt Inc. DBA: Margie's Roosevelt 202-204 Grant Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734</i>	<i>Off-Sale On-Sale Sunday On-Sale</i>

<i>Establishment</i>	<i>License(s)</i>
<i>Eveleth Bottle Shop, LLC DBA: Eveleth Bottle Shop 433 Fayal Road Eveleth, MN 55734</i>	<i>Off-Sale</i>
<i>DesWoods Inc. DBA: The Rink Sports Bar & Grill 301 Hat Trick Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734</i>	<i>Off-Sale On-Sale Sunday On-Sale</i>
<i>R & M Woods Inc DBA: Johnny D's 301 Grant Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734</i>	<i>On-Sale Sunday on-Sale</i>
<i>Marge's Liquor LLC DBA: Marge's Liquor 106 Grant Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734</i>	<i>Off-Sale</i>

Ayes – All.

4. Consultant Agreement between Costin Group Minnesota, Inc. and City of Eveleth for government relations, public relations, and other related services assistance

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Consultant Agreement between Costin Group Minnesota, Inc. and City of Eveleth for government relations, public relations, and other related services assistance. Ayes – All.

5. Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources for New Housing Development at 801 Jones Street

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2024-42, “Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources for New Housing Development at 801 Jones Street.” 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 Alice Location

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to adopt Resolution No. 2024-43, “Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources for the Alice Location.” Ayes – All.

7. 2025-2026 Eveleth/Fayal Law Enforcement Services Agreement

Police Chief Linde explained that the contract will be a two-year contract with a 10 percent increase in 2025 and a 10 percent increase in 2026 for law enforcement services.

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the 2025-2026 Eveleth/Fayal Law Enforcement Services Agreement. Ayes – All.

8. CTI Towers safety issue

Mayor Vlasisavljevich updated the Council on an issue regarding a CTI tower near Carter Circle and Clay Court. There is a problem with ice blowing off the support cables of the tower. When there is a north wind, the ice blows onto the City's vacant lots on Carter Circle and towards Clay Court. Vlasisavljevich said that he, along with City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt, have been trying to deal with CTI since April. Vlasisavljevich recently spoke with Senator Amy Klobuchar and her staff as they may be getting the FCC involved. Vlasisavljevich said that if CTI does not want to fix anything the tower may have to come down. Currently there are no signs posted warning of the hazardous conditions. Vlasisavljevich suggested the Council take action to inform CTI that the tower is a safety concern.

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to inform CTI Towers that the tower in Carter Circle is a safety concern for the City of Eveleth. Ayes – All.

9. Discuss RAMS Board Representation

Councilor Lillis informed the Council that he received a phone call from Sandy Karnowski of the Cleveland Cliffs suggesting the City of Eveleth become a part of the RAMS Board. Lillis indicated that there is a vacancy for a board member and that the RAMS election will be held in mid-December. Lillis said the City of Eveleth has not had an active representative on the board for a number of years.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to nominate Councilor John Rauzi for vacant board member position to be listed at the upcoming RAMS Election. Ayes – All.

J. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

K. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Police Chief – Chief Linde reminded the public that calendar parking is in effect and enforced 24 hours.

Councilor Rauzi expressed his concerns with cars not being moved to accommodate emergency vehicles. Police Chief Linde said the Police Department would assess each situation and have the vehicle towed if there is an issue.

Public Works Director – Director Rosati reported that there are about 150 meters remaining which need to be installed. The contractor is planning to be finished the middle of December. After that time, the City will be responsible for installing the remaining meters. Rosati said the updated ordinance will be sent out once it is effective. He also reported utility billing has encountered some problems which will be rectified as the system is updated. Councilor Perpich encouraged utility customers to contact the City Utility Department if there is a big discrepancy with a bill.

Clerk-Administrator – Monahan-Junek reported that the City has recently converted to a new telephone system.

L. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.