

## MINUTES

**Eveleth City Council Meeting  
5:00 p.m., December 17, 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, 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 Tim Koivunen; Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering

### **C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

- 1. Minutes of City Council Meeting held December 3, 2019; and*
- 2. Minutes of Truth in Taxation Hearing held December 3, 2019.*

*Ayes – All.*

### **D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

### **E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

None.

### **F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

Connie Achman, 1602 5<sup>th</sup> Street West, Eveleth, addressed the Council as a member of the Friends of the Eveleth Library. Achman said the Friends group is a volunteer organization

which spent the first year acquiring non-profit 501c3 status through the State of Minnesota. The second year has been spent discussing the value the group can add to the library and how to get funding for those projects. The group received a grant in the amount of \$2,500 from the Cleveland Cliffs and is working on a project with those funds. The members of the Friends group pay a membership fee to serve. Most recently the Friends of the Eveleth Library conducted a book sale in October. Achman said that this sale is very similar to other libraries who have donated books and allow the proceeds to be distributed to their Friends group. Achman said that after the book sale in October, they were approached and instructed they would need to give the proceeds back to the City as Eveleth's City policy does not allow for donations to be given as a result of the City books being sold. Achman said that the Friends group has done this fundraising effort in good faith believing they would keep the funds. They are asking the Council to authorize the Library to donate the books to the Friends group and to allow the Friends group to keep the proceeds. Achman said that all the fundraising proceeds go back into the Library. To prepare for the book sale the group organized thousands of books (marked discard) to be sold which equals a few hundred dollars.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich would like to get all the information to City Attorney Lewicki to review to see if there is a way to allow the Friends of the Eveleth Library to keep the proceeds from the book sale. City Attorney Lewicki clarified that the Council cannot take action tonight on the book sale, but could add the item to agenda for further review.

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Hadrava to add the following item to the agenda:*

*J10. Authorize City Attorney to investigate the request from the Friends of the Eveleth Library to keep proceeds from book sales*

*Ayes – All.*

## **G. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Payroll – November 16-30, 2019 in the amount of \$162,421.56
2. Travel Request for Police Chief to attend the 2020 MN Chiefs of Police Association Executive Training, April 19-22, 2020, St Cloud MN
3. Travel Request for two Public Works employees to attend the Minnesota Rural Water Association Technical Conference, March 3-5, 2020, St. Cloud MN

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

## **H. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

**I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**J. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Tobacco Licenses for 2020**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the Tobacco Licenses for 2020 as follows:*

<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
C & B Warehouse Distributing, Inc. <b>DBA: Eveleth Short Stop</b> 410 Grant Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734	David Russell Troutwine
Hawper Inc. <b>DBA: West Eveleth Market</b> 1302 1 <sup>st</sup> Street West Eveleth, MN 55734	Eugene Roger Hawley

*Ayes – All.*

The question of whether or not these tobacco licenses address vaping problems was discussed. City Attorney Lewicki informed the Council that state legislature has passed laws allowing the cities to individually address the vaping issue. Eveleth has not taken any action on this to date.

**2. Representation Agreement between the City of Eveleth and Colosimo, Patchin & Kearney Ltd., Attorneys at Law, for 2020-2022**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Representation Agreement between the City of Eveleth and Colosimo, Patchin & Kearney Ltd., Attorneys at Law, for 2020-2022. Ayes – All.*

**3. Professional Engineering Services for 2020**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Hadrava to designate Benchmark Engineering, Inc. as the City’s Professional Engineer for 2020. Ayes – All.*

**4. Fuel Purchases for 2020**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve gasoline and diesel fuel purchases from Old Time Oil & Auto Works at a cost of \$0.03 per gallon less on all fuel purchases using the City's Clark Fleet Card. Ayes – All.*

**5. Resolution Authorizing the Application of a Fire Department Service Planning Grant with the State of Minnesota**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2019-37, "Resolution Authorizing the Application of a Fire Department Service Planning Grant with the State of Minnesota." Ayes – All.*

**6. Resolution Authorizing Proceeding with Recommendations Identified from the Fire Department Shared Services Committee**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2019-38, "Resolution Authorizing Proceeding with Recommendations Identified from the Fire Department Shared Services Committee." Ayes – All.*

**7. Resolution Adopting Budget for Year 2020**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2019-39, "Resolution Adopting Budget for Year 2020." Ayes – All.*

**8. Resolution Establishing Tax for Year 2020**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Lillis to adopt Resolution No. 2019-40, "Resolution Establishing Tax for Year 2020." Ayes – All.*

**9. Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of Certain Tax Forfeit Properties**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2019-41, "Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of Certain Tax Forfeit Properties." Ayes – All.*

**10. Authorize City Attorney to investigate the request from the Friends of the Eveleth Library to keep proceeds from book sales**

*Motion by Councilor Hadrava, second by Councilor Rauzi to authorize City Attorney to investigate the request from the Friends of the Eveleth Library to keep proceeds from book sales. Ayes – All.*

**K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilor Hadrava announced that he has been nominated for the RAMS Board of Directors. He said it is a great honor and privilege to serve and thanked the other Council members for allowing him the opportunity.

Councilor Koivunen said he was unable to attend the most recent RRCC Board Meeting, but that the events are going strong. Koivunen announced the Roosevelt July 4<sup>th</sup> Curling Bonspiel fundraiser to take place on December 21<sup>st</sup>. He said they raise a lot of money at this tournament for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and encouraged the public to attend. Koivunen also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilor Lillis wished everyone Happy Holidays and a safe and Happy New Year.

Councilor Hadrava reported on the recent Eveleth Bantams Hockey tournament in which Eveleth came home with the trophy. He congratulated the players.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich asked everyone to be safe starting off with another new year.

## **L. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS**

Police Chief: Chief Koivunen thanked the Council for their dedication to Public Safety. He also thanked the Public Works Department, City Administrator and staff, friends and family for all the support throughout the year. Koivunen said he is proud of the Eveleth Police Department staff and greatly appreciates all they do—every day—365 days a year.

Public Works Director: Director Rosati said he appreciates the support of the Council to get jobs done throughout the year.

City Engineer: Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering, reported on the progress in evaluating Garfield Street. He anticipated the feasibility study should be complete within two or three more days. Johnson wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Clerk-Administrator: Monahan-Junek reported that the Airport has received a grant in the amount of \$200,000 from the IRRRB. The City of Eveleth will be receiving a \$210,000 IRRRB grant for the Garfield Street project.

City Attorney: Attorney Lewicki said it is a great privilege to partner with the City of Eveleth.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich said the police, public works, fire & ambulance, do a lot more than people realize. He said many of those things do not get noticed. Vlasisavljevich really appreciates everyone who works for the City.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich thanked everyone for a great Mayor's Ball. He said it was fun for everyone to socialize at the event.

Bill Aho, 1080 Industrial Drive (owner of Super 8 hotel), wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He welcomed the public to stop by and enjoy the lights at the hotel. Aho asked about the percentage amount for the increase to the levy.

**M. ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.