

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
5:00 p.m., December 19, 2023
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 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; Assistant Public Works Director Mark Karpen; Police Chief Jesse Linde; Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering; City Attorney Joel Lewicki

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- 1. Minutes of City Council Workshop held November 30, 2023;*
- 2. Minutes of City Council Meeting held December 5, 2023;*
- 3. Minutes of Truth in Taxation Hearing held December 5, 2023;*
- 4. Minutes of City Council Workshop held December 7, 2023;*
- 5. Minutes of City Council Workshop held December 13, 2023; and*
- 6. Minutes of City Council Workshop Meeting held December 14, 2023.*

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the agenda with the following revisions:

Remove:

I.8. Closed meeting pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subd. 3(c) to develop offers to purchase real property

Add:

I.9. St. Louis County Public Works Department Permit of Entry

Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of Payroll – November 16-30, 2023 in the amount of \$170,111.10**
- 2. Approval of Payroll – November 30, 2023 in the amount of \$89,038.19**
- 3. Request for two Public Works employees to attend the Minnesota Rural Water Association Technical Conference, St. Cloud MN, March 5-7, 2024**

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

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution Adopting Budget for Year 2024

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2023-32, “Resolution Adopting Budget for Year 2024.” Ayes – All.

2. Resolution Establishing Tax for Year 2024

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to adopt Resolution No. 2023-33, “Resolution Establishing Tax for Year 2024.” Ayes – All.

3. Acquisition terms for the purchase of former Eveleth School Campus Property from Rock Ridge Public Schools

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Perpich to approve acquisition terms for the purchase of the former Eveleth School Campus Property from Rock Ridge Public Schools. Ayes – All.

4. Third Amendment to Agreement Regarding School District Property

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to table agenda item I.4. Ayes – All.

5. Proposal for 2024 engineering services for Benchmark Engineering

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve proposal for 2024 engineering services from Benchmark Engineering. Ayes – All.

6. Application to Conduct Excluded Bingo, Knights of Columbus Council 2583, at Resurrection Church Hall, 301 Adams Ave.

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Application to Conduct Excluded Bingo, Knights of Columbus Council 2583, at Resurrection Church Hall, 301 Adams Avenue. Ayes – All.

7. License Application to Make Retail Sales of Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products, Margie’s Liquor LLC, 106 Grant Ave.

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to approve License Application to Make Retail Sales of Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products, Margie’s Liquor LLC, 106 Grant Avenue. Ayes – All.

8. Closed meeting pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subd. 3(c) to develop offers to purchase real property

This item was removed from the agenda.

9. St. Louis County Public Works Department Permit of Entry

Steven Kniefel, St. Louis County Right of Way Agent, submitted a right of entry agreement for parcels likely to be affected by the upcoming CSAH 142 project.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Perpich to approve St. Louis County Department Permit of Entry. Ayes – All.

J. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Koivunen wished a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. He encouraged everyone to spend time with family and friends.

Councilor Lillis joked about needing rain gear for Christmas this year and reported on the 54-inch snow depth at this time last year.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Councilor Lillis thanked the staff for an outstanding job to keep the City of Eveleth going. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

K. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

City Engineer: Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering, reported that Mesabi Bituminous will be starting on their portion of the Fayal Pond improvements this spring.

City Attorney Joel Lewicki commented on the City's fantastic main street Christmas decorations.

L. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.