

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
5:00 p.m., December 20, 2022
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; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Police Chief Jesse Linde; City Attorney Joel Lewicki; Benchmark Engineer, Alan Johnson

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of City Council Meeting December 6, 2022

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to approve Minutes of City Council Meeting held December 6, 2022. Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

J.14. Reschedule January 3, 2023 City Council Meeting

Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

Police Chief Linde explained an incident which occurred at the Eveleth IGA in November. An Eveleth Police Officer responded to a disturbance and requested assistance as the male suspect was resisting arrest. A second police officer arrived while the male suspect continued to resist and struggle with the officers. Eveleth resident, Larry Bol, was at the IGA and helped the officers in taking down the suspect. Larry Bol will be recognized with the

Citizen Honor of Valor Award. Mr. Bol declined formal acceptance of the award at a Council Meeting and would like to receive the award privately. Mayor Vlasisavljevich said that Mr. Bol is a long-term resident and should be honored for his actions.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of Payroll – November 16-30, 2022 in the amount of \$161,345.06**
- 2. Request for two Public Works employee to attend the Minnesota Rural Water Association Technical Conference, St. Cloud, March 7-9, 2023**

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, 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 2023**

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to adopt Resolution No. 2022-37, “Resolution Adopting Budget for Year 2023.” Ayes – All.

- 2. Resolution Establishing Tax for Year 2023**

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to adopt Resolution No. 2022-38, “Resolution Establishing Tax for Year 2023.” Ayes – All.

- 3. Report of the Eveleth Planning Commission Findings of Fact and Recommendations Regarding Proposed Rezoning of Certain Properties in the City of Eveleth**

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to accept the following recommendations from the Eveleth Planning Commission as outlined in the Findings of Fact and Recommendations Regarding Proposed Rezoning:

“Recommend to the Eveleth City Council that the request to change the zoning district classification of that part of Parcel No. 040-0206-00550 lying north of Minnesota Highway 37 to C-2: Commercial (Highway) Zoning District be approved.”

Ayes – All.

Councilor Lillis thanked the Planning Commission for their efforts and Zoning Administrator Tony Jeffries for his very thorough information.

4. Introduction & First Reading of Proposed Ordinance Rezoning Certain Property within the City Limits of Eveleth

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to approve introduction and first reading of Proposed Ordinance Rezoning Certain Property within the City Limits of Eveleth. Ayes – All.

5. Animal Control Contract with Contented Critters

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve 2023 Animal Control Contract with Contented Critters. Ayes – All.

6. Proposal for 2023 Engineering Services

Councilors Koivunen and Lillis thanked Alan Johnson of Benchmark for an excellent job over the last year.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Perpich to approve Proposal from Benchmark Engineering for 2023 Engineering Services. Ayes – All.

7. Request from North St. Louis County Habitat for Humanity for reduced camping fees at Veterans Park

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve request from North St. Louis County Habitat for Humanity for reduced camping fees at Veterans Park at a 40% reduction rate for six campers from July 9-22, 2023 and September 24-October 7, 2023 for Care-a-vanners working on homes in Eveleth. Ayes – All.

Director Rosati clarified that the campground closes in September. The Habitat campers will need to be self-sufficient as they would not have power.

8. Request from Mn Warriors Ice Hockey

Public Works Director Rosati said the MN Warriors Ice Hockey team has requested use of ice time at the Hippodrome on December 30, 2022 with no charge as a charity event. Rosati said the game would be held right after the boys' hockey game and will raise funds for the Rock Ridge Youth Hockey Association.

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to approve request from MN Warriors Ice Hockey team for use of ice time at the Hippodrome free of charge for a charity event to be held on December 30, 2022 from 5:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Ayes – All.

9. Resolution Accepting Donation of Blizzard Casualty Blankets for the Fire Department and Ambulance Service

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to adopt Resolution No. 2022-39, “Resolution Accepting Donation of Blizzard Casualty Blankets for the Fire Department and Ambulance Service” and to send letters of thanks to the St. Louis County Rescue Squad and Scott Lesnau. Ayes – All.

The Council recognized Scott Lesnau who was instrumental in coordinating the donation of the blankets.

10. Third Amendment to Executive Listing Agreement for City owned property (701 Hat Trick Avenue)

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Third Amendment to Executive Listing Agreement between SVN Northco Real Estate Services, LLC and the City of Eveleth for City owned property at 701 Hat Trick Avenue. Ayes – All.

11. Tobacco Licenses for 2023

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the following tobacco licenses for 2023:

<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>C & B Warehouse Distributing, Inc. DBA: Eveleth Short Stop 410 Grant Avenue Eveleth, MN 55734</i>	<i>David Russell Troutwine</i>

Ayes – All.

12. Lawful Gambling Premises Permit Application, Eveleth Elks Lodge #1161 at Range Recreation Civic Center, 901 Hat Trick Ave., Eveleth

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Lawful Gambling Premises Permit Application, Eveleth Elks Lodge #1161 at Range Recreation Civic Center, 901 Hat Trick Avenue, Eveleth, MN. Ayes – All.

13. Closed session pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.05, subd. 3(c) to develop or consider offers or counteroffers for the purchase or sale of real or personal property

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Perpich to authorize Council to go into closed session pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.05, subd. 3(c) to develop or consider offers or counteroffers for the purchase or sale of real or personal property. Ayes – All.

The closed session began at 5:25 and ended at 5:38 p.m. The regular Council Meeting reconvened at 5:38 p.m.

14. Reschedule January 3, 2023 City Council Meeting

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to reschedule the Council Meeting scheduled from January 3, 2023 to Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Ayes – All.

J. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Rauzi reminded the public that when parking on a narrow street, to make sure another vehicle is not parked directly across from you. Emergency vehicles have a hard time fitting through narrow streets due to all the snow. A vehicle could be damaged by a rescue vehicle, trying to fit through the street, while responding to a life-or-death situation.

Rauzi also reminded the citizens that Eveleth only has one gas station in town. He asked the public to think of others when pumping gas. He said do not spend an extended time in the store while others are waiting in line to get gas.

Councilor Koivunen thanked Director Rosati and the street crew for handling all of the snow. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilor Lillis also offered holiday wishes to all and thanked the staff for working hard all year long.

Mayor Vlaisavljevich said it is nice to see the whole City crew working together to get things done. Vlaisavljevich said the City is fortunate to have good employees. He referred to big projects that the Council continues to work on and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

K. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Director Rosati wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He thanked the Council for their trust in everyday City operations.

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New year.

Lynn Vergus was the winner of two MN Wild Hockey Game tickets sponsored by the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Museum.

L. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.