

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
5:00 p.m., December 21, 2021
City Hall, 413 Pierce Street, 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; City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Deputy Police Chief Brian Ness; 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 Special Meeting held December 1, 2021;*
2. *Minutes of City Council Workshop Meeting held December 1, 2021;*
3. *Minutes of City Council Meeting held December 7, 2021; and*
4. *Minutes of Truth In Taxation Hearing held December 7, 2021.*

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Perpich to approve the agenda with the following change:

Revise Consent Agenda Item:

*F2. Request for **three** Public Works employees to attend the Minnesota Rural Water Association Technical Conference in St. Cloud, MN, March 1-3, 2022*

to

F2. Request for two Public Works employees to attend the Minnesota Rural Water Association Technical Conference in St. Cloud, MN, March 1-3, 2022

Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – November 15-30, 2021 in the amount of \$156,808.45
2. Request for two Public Works employees to attend the Minnesota Rural Water Association Technical Conference in St. Cloud, MN, March 1-3, 2022
3. Request for eight EMTs to attend the Arrowhead EMS Conference, Duluth, MN, January 19-23, 2022

*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 2022

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Lillis to adopt Resolution No. 2021-32, “Resolution Adopting Budget for Year 2022.” Ayes – All.

2. Resolution Establishing Tax for Year 2022

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to adopt Resolution No. 2021-33, “Resolution Establishing Tax for Year 2022.” Ayes – All.

3. Approve Environmental Assessment Worksheet, Proposed Demolition of Eveleth Manual Training School, for distribution and public comments

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Perpich to approve the Environmental Assessment Worksheet, Proposed Demolition of Eveleth Manual Training School, for distribution and public comments. Ayes – All.

4. Consider designating Benchmark Engineering, Inc. as City Engineer for 2022

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to designate Benchmark Engineering, Inc. as the City Engineer for 2022. Ayes – All.

5. Consider approving fuel purchases for 2022

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to authorize purchase of gasoline and diesel fuel in 2022 from Old Time Oil at a cost of \$0.05 per gallon less than the pump price on diesel fuel purchases. Ayes – All.

Director Rosati indicated that the City can utilize the pumps at Old Time Oil as long as the state allows them to be kept on site. The City will need to begin exploring other options.

6. Appointments to Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority Board

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to appoint Mayor Vlasisavljevich and Councilor Koivunen to the Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority Board with Councilor Perpich as the alternate; and to appoint Police Chief Jesse Linde as the staff representative with Public Works Director Jerry Rosati as the alternate. Ayes – All.

J. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Vlasisavljevich indicated the Airport Authority will be getting opinions from the engineer to look at cutting some trees at the airport. Some of the trees are in private yards.

Councilor Rauzi gave an update on the HRA meeting last week. The HRA staff did have a chance to look at the City of Virginia's snow removal device which seems like it will also work for the Eveleth HRA.

The Council and Mayor wished everyone a Merry Christmas and safe and Happy New Year.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich said the Council hopes to have some workshops after the New Year to discuss the Highway corridor and some other interesting things on the horizon.

K. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

City staff also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. City Engineer Alan Johnson thanked the Council for a good year and renewed designation as the City Engineer for 2022.

City Attorney Brunfelt congratulated the Council on settling union contracts before the end of the year. Brunfelt said the Council recognizes there are many staff shortages throughout the Country and took an appropriate approach to get things settled. He also encouraged everyone to have a fun holiday season, but to drink responsibly.

Bill Aho, EDA Member and owner of Super 8, wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He wants the very best for Eveleth and said, "We all have the assets. We just have to line our priorities to deliver." He said that better days are ahead.

L. ADJOURN

The Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.