

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Meeting**  
**5:00 p.m., March 7, 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; City Attorney Joel Lewicki; Benchmark Engineering, Alan Johnson

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

1. *Minutes of City Council Special Meeting held February 15, 2023; and*
2. *Minutes of City Council Meeting held February 21, 2023.*

*Ayes – All.*

**D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Reappointment of Pollyann Sorcan to the Joint Cable Television Access Board**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Perpich to reappoint Pollyann Sorcan to the Joint Cable Television Access Board for the term 3/7/2023 to 3/1/2026.*  
*Ayes – All.*

**2. Wounded Warrior Hockey Team**

Jim Rich spoke on behalf of the Minnesota Wounded Warrior Team. He thanked the Eveleth City Council for donating ice time at the Hippodrome. The City Council was presented with shirts and a thank you plaque from the team. The hockey team is made up of disabled veterans with at least a 10 percent recognized disability. The organization does not require the players to have hockey experience or equipment. The gear is provided to the players by donations. The organization was started in Duluth, Minnesota with 4 or 5 teams. The organization now has over 42 teams from coast to coast and through Alaska.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich and the Council thanked the veterans for their service.

### **3. Iron Range Tourism Bureau**

Beth Pierce and Jim Makowski, Iron Range Tourism Bureau, addressed the Council regarding a new digital campaign. The Iron Range Tourism is a non-profit destination marketing organization funded by the 3 percent lodging tax. The Bureau recently hired a full-time marketing coordinator and will be launching a new website covering Hibbing to Hoyt Lakes.

## **F. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. Approval of Payroll – February 16-28, 2023 in the amount of \$165,142.68**
- 2. Approval of Claims – February 2023 in the amount of \$848,215.56**

*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. Approve 2023 Discretionary Expenditures**

*Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the 2023 Discretionary Expenditures. Ayes – All.*

- 2. Call for quotes for 2023 curb & sidewalk replacement**

*Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Lillis to authorize calling for quotes for 2023 curb and sidewalk replacement. Ayes – All.*

### **3. Call for bids for State Capital Bonding Projects**

The bonding projects will include:

City Hall/Police Station – Add fresh air ventilation, new furnace system with air conditioning, new City Hall roof

Carnegie Library – Add fresh air ventilation, new furnace system with air conditioning, add exhaust fans to serve toilet rooms

Fire/Ambulance Hall – Add fresh air ventilation, add exhaust systems, add CO and NO2 detection, exterior masonry restoration

Hippodrome Ice Arena – Remodel men’s and women’s public restrooms, exterior masonry restoration

Auditorium – exterior masonry restoration.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$2,040,000 with a City match of \$1,020,000.

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to call for bids for the State Capital Bonding Projects. Ayes – All.*

### **4. Approval of Third Amended and Restated Joint & Cooperative Agreement for Public Safety Purchasing (related to purchasing SCBAs)**

*Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Lillis to approve Third Amended and Restated Joint & Cooperative Agreement for Public Safety Purchasing (related to purchasing SCBAs). Ayes – All.*

Councilor Rauzi explained that the oxygen tanks used by firefighters to breath when entering hazardous conditions are becoming expired. This agreement will allow the tanks to be replaced.

### **5. Authorize purchase of new SCBA’s for the fire department**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to authorize purchase of new SCBA’s for the fire department from Ultimate Safety Concepts, Inc. in the amount of \$179,818.43. Ayes – All.*

### **6. Authorize purchase of road salt for the 2023-24 season from the Cooperative Purchasing Venture or open market program**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to authorize purchase of road salt for the 2023-2024 season from the Cooperative Purchasing Venture or open market program. Ayes – All.*

**7. Spring 2023 refuse collection and yard waste pickup schedule**

*Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve the Spring 2023 refuse collection and yard waste pickup schedule. Ayes – All.*

The City will accept trash and rubbish for disposal at the City Garage from May 1 to May 12, 2023 from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Yard waste pickup will begin May 15, 2023.

**8. Resolution Accepting Ambulance Service Donation from KCPRO-East Youth Ice Racing**

*Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2023-06, “Resolution Accepting Ambulance Service Donation from KCPRO-East Youth Ice Racing” and to send a letter of thanks. Ayes – All.*

The KCPRO-East Youth Ice Racing donated \$100 to the Eveleth Ambulance Service.

**9. Resolution Accepting K-9 Donation from Bonnie McDowell**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Lillis to adopt Resolution No. 2023-07, “Resolution Accepting K-9 Donation” and to send a letter of thanks to Bonnie McDowell. Ayes – All.*

Bonnie McDowell donated \$100 to the Eveleth K-9 Unit.

**10. Application for Exempt Permit, Laurentian Chamber of Commerce, at Curl Mesabi, 901 Hat Trick Avenue, Eveleth, December 8, 2023**

*Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve application for Exempt Permit, Laurentian Chamber of Commerce, at Curl Mesabi, 901 Hat Trick Avenue, Eveleth, Minnesota on December 8, 2023. Ayes – All.*

**11. Closed session pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.05, subd. 3(c) – Purchase or sale of property**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Perpich to authorize going into closed session pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.05, subd. 3(c) – Purchase or sale of property. Ayes – All.*

The Council went into closed session at 5:25 p.m. Closed session ended at 6:00 p.m. with the regular meeting reconvening at 6:01 p.m.

**J. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilor Lillis reported on the recent EDA Meeting. The bids for Lincoln Place Improvements and the Pocket Park Project were reviewed. The Lincoln Place Improvements were under bid estimates while the Pocket Park Project was well over the architect's estimate and City budget. The EDA will be revisiting the site plan for the Pocket Park Project. The project may be done in phases.

**K. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**L. ADJOURN**

The Council reconvened the closed session at 6:04 p.m. pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.05, subd. 3(c) – Purchase or sale of property. The closed session ended at 6:15 p.m. and the regular meeting was adjourned.