

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Meeting**  
**5:00 p.m., March 21, 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; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Police Chief Jesse Linde; City Attorney Joel Lewicki; Benchmark Engineering, Alan Johnson; Fire Chief Guy Spurlin

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

- 1. Minutes of City Council Workshop Meeting held March 2, 2023; and*
- 2. Minutes of City Council Meeting held March 7, 2023*

*Ayes – All.*

**E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the Agenda with the following additions:*

*I.6. 2023 Proclamation Recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month*

*I.7. Appointment of Fire Department Officers*

*Ayes – All.*

**E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**F. CONSENT AGENDA**

**1. Approval of Payroll – March 1-15, 2023 in the amount of \$121,736.71**

*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. Consider recommendation to hire mechanic**

*Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to hire Charles Ferrell as full-time mechanic contingent upon the satisfactory completion of a pre-employment physical, drug screening and criminal background check. Ayes – All.*

**2. Consider proposal from Integrated Process Solutions for control updates at Fayal Pond lift station**

*Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to accept proposal from Integrated Process Solutions in the amount of \$9,979.23 for control updates at Fayal Pond Lift Station. Ayes – All.*

**3. Consider quotes for City Hall landscape project**

The following quotes were received for the Eveleth City Hall Landscaping Project on March 3, 2023:

Bloomers Garden Center & Landscaping	\$29,700.00
Hoffman & McNamara Nursey & Landscaping	\$44,993.00
Range Landscape, Inc.	\$40,825.00
A+ Landscape Contractors	\$42,094.00

*Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Rauzi to accept quote from Bloomers Garden Center & Landscaping Inc. in the amount of \$29,700.00 for Eveleth City Hall Landscaping Project. Ayes – All.*

**4. Resolution Calling for Hearing on Proposed Final Assessment for 2020 Garfield Street Reconstruction Project**

*Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to adopt Resolution No. 2023-08, “Resolution Calling for Hearing on Proposed Final Assessment for 2020 Garfield Street Reconstruction Project.” Ayes – All.*

The hearing will take place on April 18, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

**5. Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation (Fayal Pond Trails)**

*Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to adopt Resolution No. 2023-09, “Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation (Fayal Pond Trails).” Ayes – All.*

**6. 2023 Proclamation Recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to approve 2023 Proclamation Recognizing April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Ayes – All.*

**7. Appointment of Fire Department Officers**

*Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to approve the Public Safety Committee’s recommendation to appoint the following Fire Department Officer positions for three-year terms effective April 5, 2023:*

- 1. Scott Lesnau, Deputy Fire Chief*
- 2. Jaymes Cuff, Fire Ground Captain*
- 3. Pete Klabecek, Lieutenant Training Officer*

*Ayes – All.*

Councilor Lillis commended the volunteer firefighters. He said they are doing a great job for the City of Eveleth and thanked them for their service. Mayor Vlasisavljevich and Councilor Koivunen also praised the Fire Department employees.

**J. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilor Rauzi indicated the HRA meeting was postponed due to lack of a quorum.

Councilor Lillis reported that the EDA will be meeting on March 28<sup>th</sup> to reconsider a scaled down version of the Pocket Park Project to be rebid.

Councilor Koivunen recently attended the RRCC Meeting. Koivunen reported that the light and heat bills are unbelievably large for the facility, but everything is still afloat and working smoothly. He said the Golf Commission will be meeting. The Golf Course opening date will be dependent on the snow.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich recently attended an airport meeting. The Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority has a vision and is taking steps to get there. Vlasisavljevich said the communities are cooperating and getting things done.

**K. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**L. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.