

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
5:30 p.m., June 16, 2025
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Councilor Jim Perpich, Present
Councilor John Rauzi, Present
Councilor Brian Lillis, Present
Councilor Joseph Koivunen, Absent
Mayor Adam Roen, 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; Alan Johnson, Bolton & Menk Engineering

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- 1. Minutes of City Council Special Meeting held June 2, 2025; and*
- 2. Minutes of City Council Meeting held June 2, 2025.*

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Perpich to approve the agenda. Ayes – All.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

F. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – May 16-31, 2025 in the amount of \$204,491.05

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

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Agreement with United Taconite, LLC and City of Eveleth for access to corridor for Eveleth 4th of July Fireworks show and clean-up

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Lillis to approve the Agreement with United Taconite, LLC and City of Eveleth for access to corridor for the Eveleth 4th of July Fireworks show and clean-up. Ayes – All.

The Council expressed their gratitude to United Taconite for the use of their property.

2. Approve Application for Transient Merchant/Solicitor License

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to approve the Application for Transient Merchant/Solicitor License. Ayes – All.

Food truck vendors for the 4th of July festivities will be excluded from this license. Vendors will work directly with the 4th of July Committee during this time period.

3. Pay Request No. 1 from 2EZ dba Jola & Sopp Excavating for Airport Watermain Project in the amount of \$290,077.75

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Pay Request No.1 from 2EZ dba Jola & Sopp Excavating for Airport Watermain Project in the amount of \$290,077.75. Ayes – All.

City Engineer Alan Johnson reported that the project is still in process and the services will be connect to the watermain in the next three to four weeks.

4. Resolution Accepting Donation from the Eveleth Masonic Lodge for Ambulance Service

Motion by Councilor Lillis, second by Councilor Perpich to adopt Resolution No. 2025-18, “Resolution Accepting Donation from the Eveleth Masonic Lodge for Ambulance Service.” Ayes – Perpich, Lillis, Roen; Abstain – Rauzi (due to conflict of interest). Motion carried.

5. Proposal from Bolton & Menk for former school parcel parking lot

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to approve the Engineer's Preliminary Cost Estimate for a parking lot at the former school parcel. Ayes – None. Nays: Rauzi, Perpich, Lillis, Roen. Motion failed.

City Engineer Alan Johnson explained that the proposal was based off of 60 parking spaces at the southwest corner of the multi-use building. An access to Fayal Road would include the storm water drainage, curb, gutter and sidewalk to the entrance of the multi-use building. Johnson explained that the Council and City staff could reevaluate the parking lot to determine the budget and ways to scale down the project. The City Engineer's preliminary estimate came in at \$405,340.00.

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to move forward with Bolton & Menk Engineering to reevaluate the set up of the parking lot at the former school parcel. Ayes – All.

J. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Perpich reported that the Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority is seeking a caretaker. Perpich would like to discuss what can be done for the airport at the June 25, 2025 Eveleth City Council Workshop Meeting.

K. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

None.

L. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.