

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Special Meeting
8:00 a.m., August 24, 2023
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.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; Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve hiring of Parks & Recreational Maintenance Worker

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Lillis to approve hiring Dalton Everson for the Parks & Recreational Maintenance Worker contingent upon a satisfactory completion of a pre-employment physical, drug screening and criminal background check. Ayes – All.

2. Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Eveleth and Law Enforcement Labor Services, Inc. (Police Officers Local #20) regarding blight/code enforcement by independent contractor

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Perpich to approve Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Eveleth and Law Enforcement Labor Services, Inc. (Police Officers Local #20) regarding blight/code enforcement by an independent contractor. Ayes – Rauzi, Koivunen, Perpich, Vlasisavljevich. Abstained – Lillis (due to conflict of interest). Motion carried.

3. Memorandum of Understanding with United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union, AFL-CIO-CLC on behalf of USW Local No. 6860-05 (Supervisory/Confidential Unit) regarding leveling off time for 2023

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Memorandum of Understanding with United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union, AFL-CIO-CLC on behalf of USW Local No. 6860-05 (Supervisory/Confidential Unit) regarding leveling off time for 2023. Ayes – All.

4. Resolution to Contract with a City Official

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Perpich to adopt Resolution No. 2023-22, “Resolution to Contract with a City Official.” Ayes – Rauzi, Koivunen, Perpich, Vlasisavljevich. Abstained – Lillis (due to conflict of interest). Motion carried.

5. Independent Contract Between City of Eveleth and Brian Lillis for blight code compliance and related administrative functions

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve Independent Contract Between City of Eveleth and Brian Lillis for blight code compliance and related administrative functions. Ayes – Rauzi, Koivunen, Perpich, Vlasisavljevich. Abstained – Lillis (due to conflict of interest). Motion carried.

6. Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance Prohibiting the Use of Cannabis in Public Places within the City of Eveleth

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Lillis to approve Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance Prohibiting the Use of Cannabis in Public Places within the City of Eveleth. Ayes – All.

7. Facility Use Agreement with Independent School District No. 2909 Rock Ridge Public Schools for the Hippodrome

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve Facility Use Agreement with Independent School District No. 2909 Rock Ridge Public Schools for the Hippodrome. Ayes – All.

This is a one-year contact with a minimum of 10 high school hockey games to be played at the Hippodrome at a rate of \$150.00 per hour.

8. Authorize the Eveleth EDA to administer the remaining COVID-19 Business Relief Forgivable Loan balance

Administrator Monahan-Junek requested that she work with the EDA to administer the remaining COVID-19 Business Forgivable Loan balance.

The grant application to the IRRRB was written to provide forgivable loans to Eveleth businesses to assist them in paying their business operations out of pocket costs during the pandemic, for improvements businesses have made/will make to comply with Governor Walz executive orders, for other improvements to their business, and for improvements that further ensure the safety of their patrons. Forgivable loans will also be offered to new business start-ups and business expansions.

Monahan-Junek stated a new business will be opening on Grant Ave. and a forgivable loan in the amount of \$25,00 has been offered to that business.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Perpich to authorize the Eveleth EDA to administer the remaining COVID-19 Business Relief Forgivable Loan balance. Ayes – All.

D. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 a.m.