

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
5:30 p.m., November 3, 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, Absent
Councilor Joseph Koivunen, Present
Mayor Adam Roen, Present

Also present: City Clerk Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Deputy Police Chief Brian Ness; 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 Meeting held October 20, 2025; and*
- 2. Minutes of City Council Hearing October, 21, 2025 to Determine the Fitness for Occupancy of the Dwelling Located at 717 Summit St.*

Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Perpich to approve the agenda with removal of the following items:

- I.1. Easement Between City of Eveleth and County of St. Louis for the new Progress Parkway (040-0206-00110)*
- I.6. Joint Powers Agreement for Mutual Short-term Police Officer Staffing Services between City of Eveleth and City of Babbitt*

Ayes – All.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

F. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

None.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approval of Payroll – October 1-15, 2025 in the amount of \$165,977.45**
- 2. Approval of Claims – October 2025 in the amount of \$857,668.46**

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

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Easement Between City of Eveleth and County of St. Louis for the new Progress Parkway (040-0206-00110)**

This item was removed from the agenda.

- 2. 2026 Animal Control Contract with Contented Critters**

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Perpich to approve the 2026 Animal Control Contract with Contented Critters. Ayes – All.

Deputy Chief Ness reported that the Police Department has been satisfied with the service received from Contented Critters. The yearly amount will increase from \$9,000 to \$10,200 for 2026.

- 3. Consider approving change in Veterans Park Campground Managers Agreement for the year 2026**

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve the change in Veterans Park Campground Managers Agreement for the year 2026. Ayes – All.

Councilor Perpich explained that campground managers Bob & Kenne Cherro have requested their contract be changed to begin taking reservations in April rather than March.

4. Consider quotation from 2EZ for storm sewer replacement

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve quotation from 2EZ for storm sewer replacement in the amount of \$15,464.00. Ayes – All.

Director Rosati recalled the damage the City experienced due to the flash flooding in June of 2024. The storm sewer replacement will be funded through compensation received from FEMA.

5. Extend Independent Contract Agreement between the City of Eveleth and Sheri Lillis to December 31, 2025

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to extend the Independent Contract Agreement between the City of Eveleth and Sheri Lillis to December 31, 2025. Ayes – All.

The agreement has been extended for calendar parking training.

6. Joint Powers Agreement for Mutual Short-term Police Officer Staffing Services between City of Eveleth and City of Babbitt

This item was removed from the agenda.

7. Law Enforcement Service Agreement between the City of Eveleth and the City of Leonidas

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the Law Enforcement Service Agreement between the City of Eveleth and the City of Leonidas. Ayes – All.

8. Resignation letter from Michelle Moschkau, Library Clerk

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Koivunen to approve the resignation from Michelle Moschkau from the Library Clerk position effective November 5, 2025 and to send a letter of thanks for her service. Ayes – All.

9. Authorize posting and advertising for a Part Time Library Clerk

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to approve posting for a Part Time Library Clerk in AFSCME 484 for 7 days, and if no applications are received, to authorize posting publicly for this position. Ayes – All.

10. Resolution Accepting Donation from Carnegie Corporation of New York for the Library

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Perpich to adopt Resolution No. 2025-34, “Resolution Accepting Donation from Carnegie Corporation of New York for the Library” and to send a letter of thanks. Ayes – All.

The Carnegie Corporation of New York donated \$10,000 to the Eveleth Public Library.

11. Resolution Accepting Donation from Friends of the Eveleth Public Library

Motion by Councilor Perpich, second by Councilor Rauzi to adopt Resolution No. 2025-35, “Resolution Accepting Donation from Friends of the Eveleth Public Library” and to send a letter of thanks. Ayes – All.

The Friends of the Eveleth Public Library have donated a Cover One Book Repair machine and supplies.

12. Resolution Accepting Donations from Eveleth Elks Lodge 1161 for a picnic table at the downtown pocket park and to Ambulance Service for Halloween candy & event handouts

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Perpich to adopt Resolution No. 2025-36, “Resolution Accepting Donation from Eveleth Elks Lodge 1161 for a Picnic Table at the Downtown Pocket Park and to the Ambulance Service for Halloween Candy & Event Handouts” and to send a letter of thanks. Ayes – All.

The Eveleth Elks donated \$1,500 towards the pocket park and \$500 towards the Ambulance for Halloween candy and events.

13. Closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.05, subdivision 3(c) to determine the asking price for real property located at 801 Jones Street (040-0205-00360)

The closed session was held at the conclusion of the meeting after the Council and staff updates.

Motion by Councilor Rauzi, second by Councilor Perpich to go into closed session pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.05, subdivision 3(c) to determine the asking price for real property located at 801 Jones Street (040-0205-00360). Ayes – All.

The closed session began at 6:03 p.m. and ended at 6:48 p.m.

J. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Koivunen recently attended a Golf Course Commission meeting where they recapped the last year.

Councilor Perpich reported that the Airport has hired a new manager and the Airport personnel committee just completed two interviews for assistants to help with snowplowing and maintenance.

Councilor Rauzi reported on the recent HRA meeting. Rauzi said he was informed that the HRA will be receiving some government funding. The HRA is also planning some facelift projects on the facility next year.

Mayor Roen reported on the VEEDA meeting. VEEDA owns one building located at 1402 Parkway (by the Rock Ridge High School). United Glass is the current tenant, but they are looking at moving in the near future. VEEDA continues to discuss whether to rent or sell the remaining building.

K. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

City Engineer – Alan Johnson reported that Mesabi Bituminous has moved some equipment up by the Community Center and is planning to start on the parking lot later this week.

City Clerk-Administrator – Mohanan-Junek reported that she, along with Public Works Director Rosati and Assistant Public Works Director Karpen, has been working with Gardner and Widseth regarding the air exchange system. Monahan-Junek believes the noise has been remedied and the City will not need to purchase a silencer.

L. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.