

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Meeting
7:00 p.m., July 20, 2010
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Matos called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Councilor Thomas Kallevig, Present
Councilor Liz Kuoppala, Present
Councilor Joseph Koivunen, Absent
Councilor Brian Hoag, Present
Mayor Bill Matos, Present

Also present: City Clerk/Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; Deputy Clerk Stephanie Friebe; City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt; Director of Public Works Michael Wiskow; Chief of Police Brian Lillis; Benchmark Engineering, Eric Fallstrom

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig to approve the Minutes of City Council Workshop held July 6, 2010 and Minutes of City Council Meeting held July 6, 2010. Ayes – All.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig to approve agenda with following revisions:

Remove

J2. Consider Accepting Bid for Fire and Ambulance Radios

Add

J12. West Eveleth Lot Pricing

J13. Authorize Calling for Quotations for Health Services Park Water Service Project

J14. Authorize Blocking Off Streets for National Night Out, August 3, 2010

Ayes – All.

E. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

1. Appointment to the Golf Commission

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Hoag to appoint John Rinne to the Golf Commission for the term effective 7/20/10 to 12/31/2012. Ayes – All.

F. VISITOR/PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

1. Bradley Peterson – Coalition of Greater MN Cities

Bradley Peterson, attorney and lobbyist with Flaherty & Hood, P.A., addressed the Council as a representative of the Coalition of Greater MN Cities. Peterson discussed the importance of LGA to the City of Eveleth. Peterson said that out of the 2.3 million of LGA Eveleth normally receives, \$200,000 was unalloted by the Governor.

Peterson opined that any candidate running for governor should have answers on how to address the 5.5 to 5.8 billion dollar state deficit.

2. Jeff Ziegler, Brandon Communications (EF Johnson)

Jeff Ziegler, Brandon Communications (EF Johnson), addressed the Council. Ziegler represents the low bidder on the fire and ambulance radios. He said their product is superior and guaranteed the City would be satisfied with their services. Ziegler indicated he would return to the August 3rd Council Meeting when the bids will be considered.

3. Tony Jeffries, Eveleth Elks Lodge,

Tony Jeffries, Eveleth Elks Lodge, announced the Lodge's receipt of a national award. The Elks Lodge would like to partner with the City in development of an environmental learning center at Fayal Pond to be utilized by families, schools or churches. Jeffries described an exhibit featuring the Chimney Swift bird, which has declined in population by over 50 percent. The Lodge would add additional learning centers around Fayal Pond every few years.

Councilor Kuoppala praised the Lodge's initiative and encouraged Jeffries to attend the next Eveleth Parks Commission Meeting. The Parks Commission has had discussion on structuring a disc golf station near Fayal Pond.

Jeffries agreed to meeting with the Parks Commission. He publicized the Elks Family Picnic to be held Saturday, July 31st at the Veterans Park and the Third Annual Corn Feed on Saturday, August 28th.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Payroll – June 16-30, 2010 in the amount of \$99,207.14
2. Iron Range Resources Grant Agreement B43 2454 in the amount of \$25,000 for a Community Health Assessment for Eveleth Health Services Park

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Kuoppala to approve the Consent Agenda. Ayes – All.

H. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider Channel 12 Cable Commission 2010-2011 Budget

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Hoag to authorize payment to the Channel 12 Joint Cable Commission for the September payment (to allow for purchase of equipment) and approve the FY2010-2011 Joint Cable Commission budget. Ayes – All.

2. Consider Accepting Bid for Fire and Ambulance Radios

This item was removed from the Agenda.

3. Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 48, 2nd Series, Exhibit A, Cable Franchise to Mediacom Minnesota LLC

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig to approve the second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 53, 2nd Series, “An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 48, 2nd Series, Exhibit A, Cable Franchise to Mediacom Minnesota LLC.” Ayes – All.

4. Consider Approving Stipulation Agreement with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig to approve Stipulation Agreement with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Ayes – All.

Director Wiskow reported the City received a civil penalty for nine violations over the last three years at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The incidents happened in heavy rain due to failed screens, plugging from shop rags, etc. In lieu of paying the \$3,075 fine, the

stipulation allows for the City to pay a reduced fee of \$1,000 with the agreement to replace the screens to lessen future occurrences.

5. Consider Authorizing Director of Public Works to Replace the Influent Screens in the Four Filters at the Wastewater Treatment Plant

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Kuoppala to authorize the Director of Public Works to replace the influent screens in the four filters at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Ayes – All.

6. Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance to Make the City Council Liaison to the Golf Commission a Voting Member of the Golf Commission

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Kuoppala to allow for the introduction and first reading of an Ordinance to Make the City Council Liaison to the Golf Commission a Voting Member of the Golf Commission. Ayes – All.

7. Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to the Iron Range Resources Public Works (FY10) Grant Program for 2010 Capital Improvements

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig adopting Resolution No., 2010-21, “Resolution Authorizing the City of Eveleth to Make Application to the Iron Range Resources Public Works (FY10) Grant Program for 2010 Capital Improvements.” Ayes – All.

8. Approve Purchase Agreement Between Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Inc. (AEOA), and the City of Eveleth for AEOA’s Purchase of 1117 Lincoln Ave.

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig to approve Agreement Between Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Inc. (AEOA), and the City of Eveleth for AEOA’s Purchase of 1117 Lincoln Avenue. Ayes – All.

9. Resolution Authorizing Conveyance of Real Estate (1117 Lincoln Ave.)

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Hoag to approve Resolution Authorizing Conveyance of Real Estate (1117 Lincoln Avenue). Ayes – All.

10. Consider Changing Start Time of August 3, 2010 City Council Meeting

Motion by Councilor Hoag, second by Councilor Kuoppala to change the start time of the August 3, 2010 City Council Meeting to 4:30 p.m. due to National Night Out. Ayes – All.

Councilor Kuoppala encouraged residents wanting to participate in National Night Out to contact City Hall for more information.

11. Consider Sending a Letter of Thanks to AEOA Youth Build for Construction of Shelter at Monroe Park

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Kuoppala to send a Letter of Thanks to the AEOA Youth Build for construction of the shelter at Monroe Park. Ayes – All.

12. West Eveleth Lot Pricing

Councilor Kallevig gave a history of the West Eveleth development. Kallevig said the homes in West Eveleth are important for the City's tax base and according to the City Assessor, the area carries about six percent of the City's tax base value. Councilor Kallevig said the remaining lots are not selling at \$10,000 to \$20,000 per lot and he would like to reduce the prices.

Councilor Kuoppala said she understands but does not agree with Councilor Kallevig's position. Kuoppala pointed out that the EDA has recently signed an agreement with Culbert Realty regarding the sale of the lots in West Eveleth.

Motion by Councilor Kallevig, second by Councilor Hoag to reduce the price of the lots in West Eveleth by 50 percent. Roll Call Vote: Kallevig – Aye; Kuoppala – Nay; Hoag – Aye; Matos – Aye. Motion carried.

13. Authorize Calling for Quotations for Health Services Park Water Service Project

Director of Public Works Wiskow requested the Council waive the bid policy to allow Benchmark Engineering to call for quotations for the water service project at Eveleth Health Services Park as the State's deadline for completion is in October.

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig to waive the City's purchasing policy and allow Benchmark Engineering to call for quotations for the Eveleth Health Services Water Service Project to be opened Monday, August 2, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. Ayes – All.

14. Authorize Blocking Off Streets for National Night Out, August 3, 2010

Motion by Councilor Kuoppala, second by Councilor Kallevig authorizing Chief of Police to block off streets holding block parties for National Night Out on August 3, 2010. Ayes – All.

K. COUNCIL PRESENTATIONS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Kuoppala commented on the Mall of American Underwater Aquarium presentation at the Eveleth Library. Around 200 people attended the event.

M. ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Public Works Director: Director Wiskow advised that the City staff has been making every attempt possible to contact residents regarding water shut-offs related to the street reconstruction project on Park/Grant Avenue.

City Engineer: Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering, gave an update on the street reconstruction project. The following phases are planned:

Phase 1 – Adams to Shackleton (Up to the south entrance of Mary’s Morsels)

Phase 2 – Shackleton to Old Highway 53

Phase 3 – Hayes to Adams (planned for right after Labor Day)

Phase 4 – Downtown, Fayal Road to Hayes (October 11th was the original scheduled date)

M. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Attest:

Bill Matos, Mayor

Jackie Monahan-Junek
City Clerk/Administrator

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