

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Workshop**  
**July 6, 2010**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN**  
**5:30 pm**

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

**1. Visitor – Jeff Larson, Minnesota Energy, Regarding Gas Franchise Fees**

Discussion took place on the possibility of adding a franchise fee to Minnesota Energy bills. The cost for Minnesota Energy services is the same throughout Minnesota. Cities that have chosen the franchise fee add the established amount to their bill. The Council opted not to add additional language to the proposed ordinance that would clarify the City's ability to impose a franchise fee in the future.

**2. Discuss Submittal of an Iron Range Resources 2010 Public Works Grant Application**

Director Mike Wiskow announced that Iron Range Resources is accepting grant applications for "shovel ready" projects. Wiskow presented a list of potential projects the City could apply for. The applications are due July 30, 2010.

**THE COUNCIL BROKE FOR THE HRA MEETING AT 6:00 P.M. AND  
RECONVENED THE COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING AT 6:36 P.M.**

**3. 2011 Budget**

City Clerk/Administrator Monahan-Junek asked whether or not the Council would like a preliminary budget meeting in August. The Council will hold a preparatory budget discussion at the first Council Workshop Meeting in August.

**4. Olde Town Eveleth Revitalization Mini-Grant**

City Clerk/Administrator Monahan-Junek indicated a resident had been persistently inquiring as to why the Olde Town Eveleth Revitalization Mini-Grant Program is not a city-wide opportunity. Monahan-Junek and Councilor Kuoppala concurred that the grant monies were based on keeping the program in a designated area. The rest of the Council concurred not to modify the mini-grant. The goal is to target one area in the hopes of creating "peer pressure" which encourages residents to participate. If the first neighborhood is successful, the goal is to expand neighborhood revitalization, including the mini-grant to other neighborhoods.

**5. Discuss Revising City Ordinance to make the City Council Liaison to the Golf Commission a Voting Member of the Golf Commission**

Director Wiskow reported that the Golf Course Commission continues to have difficulty getting a quorum. If the Council liaison to the Golf Course Commission was allowed voting privileges, it would be easier to conduct business. An ordinance change will be drafted for Council review.

**6. Funding 319/323 Grant Ave. Parking Lot**

The City received a proposal from Louhi & Kivela Masonry, Inc. in the amount of \$1,540 to seal the exposed brick wall that remains from the demolition at 319 Grant Avenue, the former Bear's Den.

**7. Review Proposed Revised Board and Commission Application Process**

City Clerk/Administrator reviewed the proposed changes as recommended by the Council to the Board and Commission Application Process.

**8. Agenda Q&A**

Removed J3. "Consider Accepting Bid for Fire and Ambulance Radios."