

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Workshop**  
**June 2, 2009**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN**  
**5:30 pm**

Council Present: Councilor Kuoppala, Councilor Kallevig, Councilor Koivunen, Councilor Hoag, Mayor Matos

Several members from the Eveleth Fire Department were in attendance.

**1. Meeting with Eveleth Fire Relief Association**

Laura Korpi, President of the Eveleth Fire Relief Association, addressed the Council regarding a request from the Fire Relief Association for an increase in pension from \$1,800 to \$1,900 per year. The Relief Association had requested the pension increase to begin in January of 2009, but have not received a formal response from the Council. Korpi expressed the Relief Association's frustration with no answer from the Council.

Councilor Kuoppala said the delayed response from the Council was due to the City's budget discussions and waiting to determine the State's budget cuts. Korpi indicated this was the second time the pension increase had been requested without a response from the Council. Korpi suggested there is a communication problem between the Relief Association and the Council, and asked the Council to give timely answers in writing regarding their future requests.

Mike Lenich, Eveleth Firefighter, said the hours worked versus the pension paid does not amount to much. Lenich said the firefighters are required to carry pagers 24 hours and are paid \$7.00 per hour when called to a fire. Lenich said a lot of hours are donated.

Lenich said it would be nice for some of the elected officials to visit the Fire Hall. Korpi said it would be nice to have the ex officios attend the meetings.

A follow-up meeting will be scheduled with the Fire Relief Association and City Council. The Fire Relief will invite their financial advisor to the meeting.

**HRA MEETING FROM 6:00 TO 6:30 P.M.**

**2. 2009/2010 Capital Projects and Project Financing**

Director of Public Works Wiskow discussed two options for the Iron Range Resources application:

1. Reconditioning of the 2,000,000 gallon ground storage reservoir; and
2. Grant Avenue/Park Avenue Water and Sanitary Sewer Replacement.

Wiskow recommended the money be used for the ground storage reservoir. Grant/Park Avenue, which will be redone by the County next year, may be eligible for grants at that time. The City would have to pay additional costs to cut and patch up the streets if the water and sanitary sewer were done.

### **3. Agenda Q&A**

City Clerk/Administrator Monahan-Junek distributed a letter dated May 29, 2009 from Dale Cich of Construction Services Inc. In the letter, Cich gave a base bid amount of \$58,437.00 to secure the south wall of 319 Grant to the north wall of 313-317 Grant Avenue.

### **4. City Hall Lift**

Monahan-Junek reminded the Council of the lift for City Hall. Bonestroo has been working on the plan details. The CDBG money for this project must be used by the end of this year.