

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Workshop
March 16, 2010
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN
5:00 p.m.

Council Present: Kuoppala, Koivunen, Hoag, Matos
Councilor Kallevig was absent.

1. VEEDA Presentation & Discussion

Executive VEEDA Director Laura Rusich and VEEDA Attorney Rick Prebich presented a historical overview of VEEDA (Virginia/Eveleth Economic Development Authority).

2. Discuss submitting grant/loan applications:

- a. 2011 Drinking Water Revolving Fund/Clean Water Revolving Fund

The Council will need to approve priorities by April 20, 2010 as the deadline for submittal of the application is May 7, 2010.

- b. 2011-2012 Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources

A resolution will be available for Council approval at the April 6, 2010 Council Meeting.

3. Preparation for Budget Meeting March 23, 4:00 p.m.

Councilor Kuoppala said she would also like to explore the impact of losing a staff member in each department. She wants to discuss sharing public works services. Kuoppala would also like to consider the prospect of the City assuming various office duties from neighboring communities and/or the possibility of contracting out job duties such as payroll, utility billing and accounting.

Councilor Hoag requested a list of capital expenditures.

Mayor Matos said the City should focus on providing essential services to its citizens. He would like to look at hiring a golf pro to run the golf course.

Councilor Kuoppala requested that City Clerk/Administrator Monahan-Junek prepare the levy limits so that the Council can consider taxes.

4. Eveleth Health Services Park Update

It has been announced that the Mental Health Unit at Eveleth Health Services Park will be closing. Councilor Kuoppala attended a Senate Finance, Health and Human Services Budget Division, Committee meeting regarding the closing. The State currently has 16 beds at the unit and is looking to decrease their patient load to about four to six residents. The State would accommodate the patients in a home setting rather than lease out a building. Monahan-Junek said that Senator Dave Tomassoni has requested a meeting with the Eveleth Health Services Mental Health Unit.

5. Delta Dental Insurance – Eveleth and Fayal Township

Fayal Township is listed as a subcategory on Eveleth's Delta Dental Insurance. Fayal no longer buys their insurance from Northeastern Co-op and has requested Eveleth submit payment to Northeastern Co-op on its behalf. Fayal would then reimburse Eveleth for the insurance premiums. Monahan-Junek said she did not feel comfortable doing so without Council approval and an agreement with Fayal Township.

6. Closed Session – Contract Negotiations

The Council went into closed session at 6:35 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations. The regular workshop meeting reconvened at 6:55 p.m.

7. Agenda Q&A

Removed from the Agenda:

J2. Letter from 4th of July Committee Regarding Extending Bar Closing Times for Sunday, July 4, 2010