

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Workshop**  
**April 5, 2011**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN**  
**5:30 p.m.**

Council Present: Mayor Vlasisavljevich, Councilor Peterson, Councilor Hadrava, Councilor Hoag, Councilor Koivunen

**1. Medical Office Building Project Recap**

Consultant Dave Salene addressed the Council regarding the \$30,000 out-of-pocket costs associated with the moisture problem in the Fresenius building. Salene said there have been questions raised about who is responsible for the costs. Dave Salene has been in contact with Fresenius to try to rectify the expenses; however, Fresenius is not interested in paying for any part of the costs.

Attorney Mike Patchin said he has been provided with background information on the issue. Patchin said the Council will need to decide whether or not to pursue legal action against Fresenius for the out-of-pocket costs. Salene said the City currently has a good working relationship with Fresenius and will have a net gain of about \$230,000 after 10 years of rent for the building. The Council will take no action on this matter.

**2. 2011 Capital Improvements Funding**

Dave Salene explained the assessment bond. The two sources of income for the project are the income from the residential payments and the funds taken out of the general account. The bid for the improvements will be considered at the first meeting in May.

*The HRA met at 6:00 p.m. with the Council Workshop reconvening upon completion of the HRA meeting.*

**3. MPCA Stipulation Agreement Proposed Plan**

Director Wiskow displayed and explained a map of the areas proposed in the MPCA plan. The total cost for the project through 2016 is estimated at \$81,300. The money will come from the discretionary funds.

**4. Joint Recreation Board**

Councilor Hoag will serve as Council liaison for the Joint Recreation Board. The Council would like to schedule a meeting with the other entities to discuss the Joint Power Agreement and possible restructuring of the Board. Discussion took place on the need for an annual audit of the Board.

## **5. Proposed Community Meeting**

Mayor Vlasisavljevich would like to hold a community informational meeting at a location where residents do not have to climb stairs. The Leonidas Community Center was suggested as a meeting area. City Clerk/Administrator Monahan-Junek will work to set up the event. Commission applications will be available at the meeting.

## **6. Historical Commission**

Councilor Hadrava requested that the Council establish a Historical Commission to allow for grant applications. Monahan-Junek distributed a copy of the City Code which specifies the Cultural and Fine Arts Commission. Discussion took place regarding ongoing public interest to reopen the Auditorium building.

## **7. City Hall staffing**

Mayor Vlasisavljevich said he thinks it is time to ramp up the City Hall staff. Vlasisavljevich would like to see Hippodrome ice time scheduled through City Hall next season.

Discussion took place on the accounting clerk position. The position was formerly a full-time position. Upon rehiring for the accounting clerk position last year, the City did not fill the part-time clerical/scanning position. The accounting clerk position was cut to part-time status due to budget constraints and the clerical position remains vacant. Job descriptions will be reviewed by the personnel committee to incorporate duties back into a full-time accounting clerk position should the Council choose to upgrade the hours.

## **8. Closed Session – Contract Negotiations**

The Council entered into closed session to discuss contract negotiations at 6:45 p.m.

## **9. Agenda Q&A**

Brian Ness, Ambulance Service Director, gave an update on the proposed changes to the guidelines and pay scale.