

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Workshop**  
**August 18, 2009**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN**  
**6:00 p.m.**

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

Also present: Deputy Clerk Friebe; Director of Public Works Wiskow; City Attorney Brunfelt; Ambulance Director Ness; Benchmark Engineering, Eric Fallstrom

**1. Ambulance Letter Requesting Donations for New Ambulance**

Ambulance Director Brian Ness spoke on the purchase of a new ambulance. The Council reviewed the letter which will be sent to Fayal Township, and other communities in our service area, requesting a donation of \$10.00 per person based on population. Councilor Kuoppala suggested the deadline to turn in donations be changed from September 19<sup>th</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**2. Discuss Grant Avenue & Park Avenue CSAH Reconstruction Project Planned for 2010**

Director Wiskow and Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering, gave an overview of the Grant Avenue and Park Avenue reconstruction project planned for 2010. Wiskow and Fallstrom have meet with County representatives as the County will fund the street reconstruction portion of the project.

Discussion took place on the County's proposal to eliminate curb and sidewalk and install a gutter entrance into town on Park Avenue. The Council would like to keep the curb and sidewalk for appearance and utilization purposes. The County has also requested the City pay for the mandatory hydrology study. It was suggested the City pay for the study and negotiate keeping the curb and sidewalk.

Wiskow said after televising they are now focusing on replacing the water system from Hayes to Shackleton.

Discussion also took place on the option of replacing the cobblestone on Grant Avenue. Wiskow distributed photographs of stamped bituminous.

**3. Update on City Hall Lift**

Director Wiskow distributed a letter from Dennis Gimmestad, Minnesota Historical Society, dated July 29, 2009 and addressed to Michael Vidmar, St. Louis County Planning and Development. The City has a CDBG grant to install a lift at City Hall. Gimmestad's letter

indicates the Eveleth City Hall meets the criteria of the National Register of Historic Places and the proposed location of the lift in the main entry would “disturb a character-defining interior space in the building.” Gimmetstad recommended an elevator be considered rather than a lift.

Director Wiskow will try to arrange for a study to be done by the Minnesota Historical Society as no one from their office visited City Hall prior to their review regarding installation of a lift.

#### **4. Agenda Q & A**

The following items were added to the Agenda or changed:

- J12. Request of Airblower at Wastewater Treatment Plant (Addition)
- J13. Funding Request from Westside Civic League for Improvements to West Eveleth Skating Rink Shack (Addition)
- J5. (Council approval contingent upon approval of payroll records) Consider Approving Pay Request No. 1 to Odland Protective Coatings in the Amount of \$283,456.25 for the Rehabilitation of 2,000,000 Gallon Ground Storage Reservoir Project