

Minutes
Special Eveleth City Council Special Meeting
3:30 p.m., April 26, 2010
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Matos called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Also present: City Clerk/Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Visitor - Eveleth-Fitzgerald Nursing Home Board

Pat McNulty, Board Chair, Linda Brown, Board Member, and Paul Fischer, Administrator, were present.

McNulty stated the nursing home has been struggling financially, having been down five beds since last December, and the Board voted last week to close the facility June 1, 2010. McNulty stated that the Cook nursing home is also slated to close in the near future.

Fischer stated the Eveleth taxpayers have a say if the facility closes. Monahan-Junek clarified that the City owns the building, and that any decision to close the nursing home lies with the nursing home Board.

Kallevig asked Monahan-Junek how much money is in the hospital fund. Monahan-Junek replied that there is approximately \$40,000 as of the end of March 2010.

Monahan-Junek stated that Jon Marcaccini dropped off, just before today's meeting, some information regarding Pathway Health Services, a company that assists nursing home facilities. Monahan-Junek handed the information over to Fisher at the meeting.

The question was posed to the Board members, what if the City subsidized the nursing home in the short term (in addition to the maintenance reimbursement which is a pass

through from the State of Minnesota Mental Health lease)? McNulty responded he would prefer the City help them with shut down expenses or fund a consultant to help them evaluate if they can remain open in the long term, instead of funding them to stay open another month.

Motion by Councilor Koivunen, second by Councilor Kallevig to reimburse the nursing home up to \$20,000 to hire Pathway Health Services (if such services are deemed appropriate by the nursing home Board). Ayes – all.

2. Update on State of Minnesota Community Transitional Services

Monahan-Junek provided an update on pending legislation to retain Community Transitional Services in Eveleth or for the State to continue to pay the lease amount for a period of time.

3. Discuss Building Re-use Options

Monahan-Junek stated that she has called a variety of business to let them know that the City may have space available at Eveleth Health Services Park if the closure of Community Transitional Services becomes a reality.

D. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Attest:

Bill Matos, Mayor

Jackie Monahan-Junek
City Clerk/Administrator

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