

MINUTES
Special Eveleth City Council Meeting
February 26, 2014
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN
12:00 Noon

A. Call to Order

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Councilor Beth Peterson, Present
Councilor Brad Hadrava, Present
Councilor Brian Lillis, Present
Councilor Joseph Koivunen, Present
Mayor Robert Vlasisavljevich, Present

Also present: City Clerk Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; Director of Public Works Michael Wiskow; Assistant Public Works Director Jerry Rosati

C. New Business

1. Consider bids for Eveleth Auditorium Phase II Project

Bids for the City Auditorium were opened on February 20, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

Bidder	Total
Lenci Enterprises, Inc.	\$630,000.00
Max Gray Construction, Inc.	\$671,100.00
KBB, LLC	\$712,237.00

The original amount budgeted towards the Auditorium in November 2013 was \$442,000. All bids came in higher than expected. Chuck Oehrling, Stantec, said concern about plaster repairs were brought up by bidders at the pre-bid meeting.

Options to save money were discussed. The City could potentially save \$60,000 to \$70,000 by taking out the lower level air unit. However, fresh air exchange is challenging for the building.

Specialized lights, to match the original fixtures, were estimated into the cost at around \$4,000 each, plus installation costs. The Council concurred that the lights set the

atmosphere for the Auditorium. The City could set up the mechanics for the lights, and install them at a later time.

Chuck Oehrling will discuss eliminating some items with the low bidder. He will bring back a report to the Council.

Councilor Koivunen believes once the building is accessible, the public will become excited possibly giving donations and holding fundraising events for the building renovation.

Councilor Lillis asked about funding options for the extra expense. City Clerk Monahan-Junek will research and report back to the Council.

2. Discuss Freezing Water Lines

On February 17, 2014, the City issued a running water advisory for all Eveleth and Leonidas residents. The advisory does not include Fayal Township. Residents were advised to keep one faucet running the width of a pencil until further notice. The City has experienced numerous water main breaks and freezing lines due to the extreme cold.

Director Wiskow discussed concerns with the water plant due to the increase of water usage. He said the City is close to operating at maximum capacity.

Wiskow expressed his concerns with water availability in the event of a fire. Fire hydrants may be frozen, and there is no way to determine the amount of flow until trying to run a hydrant. He has informed Eveleth Fire Chief Scott Haas of the situation.

There is a potential that customers would be shut down for days or weeks in the event of multiple breaks and leaks. Possible emergency water facilities for residents were discussed to include: City Hall, Fire Hall, Hippodrome and the Eveleth-Gilbert School.

D. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Robert Vlasisavljevich, Mayor

Attest:

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Jackie Monahan-Junek
City Clerk Administrator