

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Workshop
November 1, 2011
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN
6:00 p.m.

The HRA met at 6:00 p.m.

Council Present: Mayor Vlasisavljevich, Councilor Hadrava, Councilor Koivunen, Councilor Hoag (Councilor Peterson was absent)

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called the Workshop Meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

1. Discuss October 11, 2011 letter from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) regarding new wastewater permit requirements

Director Wiskow discussed requirements issued by the MPCA. Wiskow expressed his concern about the City's inability to meet the mandates. Mayor Vlasisavljevich said the City needs to take a firm stance. He would like to find out where the MPCA's demands are coming from as small cities do not have the means to come into compliance.

2. Discuss Aqua Power Expansion

Dave Salene gave an update on the possible Aqua Power expansion. The City's snow dump site is a proposed location for Aqua Power's new building. They are also hoping to purchase the Bertucci building on Hat Trick Avenue. Aqua Power plans to retain its current building as a small equipment facility.

3. Discuss Mesabi Woods/West Eveleth Apartments

Dave Salene said there is a viable party looking to purchase the Mesabi Woods/West Eveleth Apartments. Salene reviewed the process for possible tax abatement of the property.

4. Discuss Energy TIF District

Dave Salene informed the Council that the State of Minnesota has adopted legislation dealing with TIF energy improvements. Salene said the concept could be used as a tool to help business owners clean up their storefronts. He discussed an option in which the City could issue a revenue note. The revenue note would be paid by a special assessment which would be levied to each property. This would eliminate the need for individual property owners to get a loan or expose their credit issues. Windows, doors, tuck pointing, insulation, etc. would be eligible under the plan.

5. Agenda Q&A