

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Workshop**  
**December 13, 2011**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN**  
**5:30 p.m.**

Council Present: Councilor Hadrava, Councilor Peterson, Councilor Koivunen

Also present: City Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; Director of Public Works Michael Wiskow; Chief of Police Brian Lillis.

Acting Mayor Koivunen called the Workshop Meeting to order at 5:43 p.m.

**1. 2012 Budget and Levy**

Council discussed their intent to not modify the preliminary levy and to set the final levy at the same.

Councilor Peterson suggested the City may be able to get the SWOP Youth Program to periodically assist with trash pick downtown.

**2. Alice Location – Former A-1 Oil Site and Economy Ready Mix Release; Minnesota Power Lease**

Monahan-Junek informed the City Council that there were releases reported to the MPCA at the former A-1 Oil Site and Economy Ready Mix sites in the Alice Location. Monahan-Junek will discuss responsible parties with the City Attorney, will respond to the MPCA, and follow up with CIRB (Central Iron Range Brownfields) on the EPA grant.

Monahan-Junek informed the City Council that discussions with Minnesota Power are on-going.

**3. Chicken Ordinance**

Councilor Peterson stated her desire to explore an ordinance that would allow residents to raise hens for eggs. Other communities have adopted such an ordinance. Chief Lillis has done some preliminary investigation on this. The Council is interested in hearing more about what such an ordinance would look like.

**4. Role/Authority of the Fire Commission**

Councilor Koivunen stated that the Eveleth Fire Commission has the authority to hire, fire, and discipline for the Fire Department. He asked that the council think about whether they

would like to continue with the Fire Commission or disband the Fire Commission and have the City Council take over these responsibilities.

#### **5. Liquor License Renewal Dates**

Councilor Koivunen stated he has received input from liquor license holders that they are frustrated that they must apply and pay for their liquor liability insurance well in advance for their next years liquor license. Monahan-Junek stated that the Deputy Clerk works with applicants to get their paperwork in order for City Council approval. Liquor licenses must be sent the State for approval after the City Council approves them. The licenses are then returned to the City. All liquor license requirements are dictated by MN State Statutes.

#### **6. Lake Park Deed Restriction**

Councilor Hadrava stated his interest in exploring a deed restriction for Lake Park. The restriction that was on the original deed has since expired pursuant to MN State Statutes. Monahan-Junek will explore some possible restriction mechanisms and report back to the City Council.

#### **7. Hippodrome Rental Pricing**

The Council Buildings and Grounds Committee and Wiskow continue to work on the details of making summer ice a reality.

#### **8. Citizen's Academy**

Monahan-Junek shared an idea she had of her conducting a Citizen's Academy. The purpose of such is to education residents about local government operations.

The workshop meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.