

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Workshop
June 21, 2011
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN
5:30 pm

Council Present: Mayor Vlasisavljevich, Councilor Peterson, Councilor Hadrava, Councilor Koivunen, Councilor Hoag

1. Rob Ege, MNDot, to discuss semaphore installation on Highway 53 at Industrial Park Drive/Hat Trick Avenue

Rob Ege, MNDot, meet with the Council to discuss the volume of traffic needed to authorize installation of a traffic light on Highway 53 at Industrial Park Drive/Hat Trick Avenue. Ege stated that none of the warrants were satisfied at this time. He also indicated that snowmobiles and ATVs are not considered for the count. The study was conducted on June 1, 2011. Another study will be held sometime this Fall when school is in session. Ege discussed other possibilities for the intersection to include a J-Turn.

2. Follow-up on Alice Location Business Inquiry

Eric Clement, Minnesota Power, discussed the Company's desire to lease and potentially buy land in the Alice Location for relocation of its Pole Yard Facility. Minnesota Power would fence the area and work to improve the site.

Bill Aho, EDA, spoke against the site being used for a Pole Yard. Aho said the EDA is looking at a potential light industrial building and has had other requests for interest in the Alice Location.

City Clerk/Administrator Monahan-Junek stated that the proposed pole yard is a permitted use under the current zoning code, and if this property were privately owned, the City would have no authority to deny using the property for a pole yard.

Councilor Koivunen said he has been on the Council for six years and nothing has progressed with the area. Koivunen said he would be comfortable with leasing the area.

Minnesota Power wants an extended lease since they would be investing a significant amount of money into the property.

The City will move ahead with working on the lease.

3. Review plans for City Hall steps and ramp reconstruction

Quotes for reconstruction of the City Hall steps and ramp are due next Friday. The City would plan to work on removing the concrete on a Wednesday and have the

contractor complete work on a Thursday/Friday. The steps would be ready for traffic on a Monday. The utility billing cycle will be considered when scheduling the reconstruction.

4. Discuss funding for purchase of a new refuse truck

Director Wiskow said the price has gone up significantly in the past years for a new refuse truck.

5. Station 44 Road Improvements

Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering, distributed cost estimates for improvements to Station 44. Mayor Vlasisavljevich had requested the estimates as the Mesabi Trail building is nearly completed. The City will apply for an IRRRB public works infrastructure grant and meet with Commissioner Nelson to discuss.

6. Discuss Memorandum from Office of the State Auditor Regarding the Council on Local Results and Innovation

The Council discussed whether or not to participate in the State Auditor's survey.

7. July/August Council Meeting and Budget Workshop Schedule

Councilor Peterson suggested putting together a citizen committee to discuss the City's budget. The Council decided to invite the public to a Community Meeting to be held in October, 2011.

8. Agenda Q&A