

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Special Meeting
8:15 a.m., May 16, 2013
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Vlaisavljevich called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

B. ROLL CALL

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

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

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Accept Resignation of Paul Moe, Water/Wastewater Operator

Director Wiskow received a text message from Water/Wastewater Operator Paul Moe on May 10, 2013 indicating he was resigning from the position effective immediately.

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hadrava to accept resignation of Water/Wastewater Operator Paul Moe effective immediately. Ayes – All.

2. Discuss Options to fill Water/Wastewater Operator Position

Director Wiskow said there were three other applicants considered for the job when Paul Moe was hired. City Attorney Brunfelt has informed Wiskow that it would be acceptable for the City to offer either one of the other two applicants the Water/Wastewater Operator position.

Several options were discussed by the Council as follows:

- Train an existing City employee. (Wiskow said the City must have an operator who is Class A licensed. It would take several years for an existing employee to become licensed. The City could consider training current employees to act as a relief crew to fill a shift or help out during an emergency.)

- Consult John Sauer or recently retired Water/Wastewater Operator, Bill McKenzie, to work as contractors
- Hire operator through Manpower
- Use Stan Tech, formerly Bonestroo, temporarily at a rate of \$83/per hour plus \$30/day for lodging
- Consult with Mt. Iron to discuss temporary joint contract service of their Water/Wastewater Operator

Wiskow informed the Council that the salary for the position may be little low. The salary was not increased when the license requirements were changed from a Class B to a Class A.

City Clerk Monahan-Junek will have the job evaluated, and a comparative worth review will be completed.

3. Take Action on Option(s) to fill Water/Wastewater Operator Position

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Koivunen to authorize posting both internally and externally for the Water/Wastewater Operator position. Ayes – All.

Motion by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Hadrava to authorize Public Works director to pursue existing applicants for the Water/Wastewater Operator position. Ayes – All.

D. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Robert Vlasisavljevich, Mayor

Attest:

Jackie Monahan-Junek
City Clerk Administrator

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