

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Workshop
January 2, 2013
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN
4:30 p.m.

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

Also present: City Clerk/Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt; Chief of Police Timothy Koivunen; Director of Public Works Michael Wiskow; Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering

1. Swearing in of Councilor Brian Lillis

Councilor Brian Lillis took the Oath of Office presented by City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek.

2. Review 2012 CIP Final Assessment Role

Director Wiskow reviewed the assessment cost estimates. Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek explained the payment plan options for residents.

3. Review Notice of Violation for Treatment Technique Violation at Water Treatment Plant

Director Wiskow explained the violation for turbidity at the Water Treatment Plant. The public will have to be notified.

4. Discuss Tax Forfeited Property List

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek reviewed a list of forfeited properties for the Council's consideration.

5. Agenda Q&A

Councilor Hadrava indicated the Genoa Trail Board will need a resolution from the City for support and assistance of the trail expansion. Hadrava said they would also like the City Engineer to look at the trail and determine how to make it large enough for jeepers to use.

Police Chief Koivunen gave the Council a photo presentation on the condition of Tuna's Bar. Prior to the scheduled opening by December 31, 2012, an officer stopped by to

monitor the activity on the property. At that time, the doors were unlocked and loud music was playing, but no one was in the building. The officer entered the premises and took photos as instructed by Chief Koivunen. Inside, the building was around 40 degrees. The officer said the roof is in dire need of repair and noted other public safety issues to include a gas can left by a running heater. Rotten pizzas were in the freezer, and the building smelled of mold. Koivunen displayed numerous photographs of the interior and advised that it did not appear Tuna's could have been open for business as instructed. Koivunen recommend the Council revoke the liquor license that was issued at the last meeting in December.

Councilor Peterson expressed her concern for public safety and said she would like to act on the liquor license now.

Councilor Lillis asked about the revocation process. City Attorney Brunfelt said the Council could authorize tonight to begin the revocation process. Brunfelt said that in terms of the license, it is not fit for patrons to be in the facility.

Councilor Hadrava said the Council agreed to give Kiki Schomberg until the second meeting in January. Councilor Peterson asked, "Why are we waiting?" Hadrava said, "Because we said we would." Councilor Peterson said she did not agree with waiting to take action.