

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Workshop
January 5, 2016
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN
6:30 p.m.

Mayor Robert Vlasisavljevich, Present
Councilor Brian Hoag, Present
Councilor Brad Hadrava, Absent
Councilor Brian Lillis, Present
Councilor Joseph Koivunen, Present

Also present: City Clerk Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; City Attorney Bonnie Thayer; Chief of Police Timothy Koivunen; Director of Public Works Jerry Rosati; Rod Flannigan, Benchmark Engineering

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. Discuss participation in RAMS

The Council discussed its participation with RAMS. The Council is not interested in further involvement with RAMS and will not be paying membership dues at this time.

2. Discuss allowing City of Virginia to run gas lines in City ROW and through City Lands to serve Midway residents

Director Jerry Rosati indicated the City of Virginia has requested permission to run gas lines in the City of Eveleth's right of way, and over City owned land, to serve the Midway residents. With construction of the new bridge, Virginia will lose their main transmission line.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich said the City of Eveleth will allow Virginia to cross Eveleth's right of way, and City owned land, with consideration of Eveleth's future development. Vlasisavljevich said a fee will need to be negotiated.

Rod Flannigan, Benchmark Engineering, noted pipeline safety will not allow the gas line to cross the bridge.

Bill Aho, owner of Super 8 Hotel, advised that after installation of the gas line, someone will need to follow up to make sure the land has been restored.

3. Discuss pledging to the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities for the Legal and Regulatory Program challenging the EPA's approval of the MPCA's riverine standards

The City of Eveleth is a member of the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities. The Coalition has requested support from cities to assist with the legal fees for challenging the EPA's approval of the MPCA's riverine standards. The Coalition is asking the City to pledge one dollar for each sewer hookup. Councilor Lillis is not in favor of assessing the pledge to the customers. Councilor Koivunen suggested the City take the \$1,500 from the general fund.

4. Agenda Q&A

The following item was removed from the agenda:

- J13. Pay Request No. 2 from Lenci Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$14,753.50 for Eveleth City Auditorium Main Level Restrooms Renovation: General Construction