

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Workshop
2:30 p.m., January 13, 2015
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

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

Also present: City Clerk Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; City Attorney Bonnie Thayer and John Colosimo

1. City Commissions

A privileged communication between the City Attorney and the City regarding the need and sustainability of the Police Civil Service Commission and Fireman's Civil Service Commission was distributed to the City Council. Attorneys Colosimo and Thayer reviewed the content of the letter. Councilor Lillis stated his concern that the memorandum was dated September 2, 2014 and the Council is just seeing it now. Administrator Monahan-Junek stated that the Police Chief had requested training for the Police Commission, and Monahan-Junek also wanted training for the Fire Commission, so she contacted the City Attorney to conduct such training. The City Attorney questioned the need and sustainability of the Police Commission and Fire Commission and drafted the aforementioned communication. The Mayor stated that because of the impending election last fall and the resulting change in one of the Council seats, this discussion with the City Council was held off until now. He also said that he is not asking for any action at this time – this is just a discussion. The Council discussed having additional meetings regarding this.

2. Blighted & Abandoned Property – 701 Hat Trick Ave.

The Mayor stated that this property continues to be blighted and abandoned and he would like the City Attorney to look into eminent domain proceedings.

3. 2015 Legislative Priorities

Councilor Hadrava and Administrator Monahan-Junek will be attending the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities Legislative Action Day on January 28. Priorities identified were: Water Tower Reconditioning, Auditorium Renovation, Street reconstruction funding (MSAH vs. CSAH), and the Department of Revenue's decision to vacate leased space in the Library.

4. Business Inquiries & Updates

Monahan-Junek gave a short update on business inquiries.

The meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.