

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Workshop
January 20, 2015
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN
6:00 p.m.

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

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 Michael Wiskow; Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering, Consultant Dave Salene

1. Discuss scope of work and funding for 2015 Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project

Director Wiskow and Eric Fallstrom distributed an engineer's estimate and project location maps for the 2015 Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project. The following bid estimates were discussed:

Base Bid cost	\$356,543.10
Base Bid + Add Alt. #1	\$397,513.50
Base Bid + Add Alt. # 1 & 2	\$455,653.80

The City has requested a \$150,000 CDBG grant. The work is not subject to assessment.

2. Discuss frost depth and frozen water line concerns

Director Wiskow referred to his memo discussing customers affected last year by frozen water lines. Wiskow plans to send out a letter informing customers concerned about freezing waterlines to monitor the water temperature. If the temperature falls below 38 degrees the customer should contact the City.

3. Fingerhut Building Business & Project Update

Consultant Dave Salene gave project updates:

Fingerhut building: Salene said there is an individual interested in developing an auction operation at the old Fingerhut building. There is a preliminary agreement to purchase the building, and the potential buyer will be requesting a loan from the EDA for \$20,000.

There is another party interested in buying the back parcel near the Fingerhut building to develop a decorative concrete and countertop business.

The Council discussed the auction business and potential for junk vehicles and other storage in the front lot. Salene presented the option for the City to buy the property. The back lots could be sold and the front lot protected. Salene will continue research by request of the Council.

Chicagami: Over the last couple of months significant progress has been made. Chicagami 1 (day care in Eveleth) hired consultant, First Child, to perform an analysis of the operations. Upon the recommendation of First Child, Chicagami has changed some prices, and now requires contract enforcement. As a result, there has been an improvement in income.

Aqua Power: Salene has a meeting with Aqua Power tomorrow.

VEEDA: Salene is working with the Federal EDA regarding the Federal EDA mortgage.

Assisted Living: Salene has a meeting tomorrow with Jessica Raad to continue moving the assisted living project along. The project is estimated a little over 2 million dollars.

Minnesota Department of Revenue: City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek informed the Council that the Department of Revenue will be moving from the library (basement), but has requested a six month lease as they do not want to move in the winter. There was consensus that we would like to offer a one year lease.

4. Discuss Police Commission & Fire Commission

Mayor Vlaisavljevich would like to sit down with the Police and Fire Commission to discuss broadening the view for the commissions. Councilor Lillis said he is in favor of the meeting.

5. Discuss offer from Athletica Sports Systems (regarding rink panels at Northside Park)

City Attorney Thayer explained the formal offer from Athletica Sports System to replace the rink panels at Northside Park. Athletica would replace all of the hockey boards/panels from the original shipment which have not already been replaced. The City of Eveleth would be responsible for installment of the boards and the cost of freight from Waterloo, Ontario. Attorney Thayer will ask about the weight of the boards to help determine the shipping cost.

6. Vacant commercial buildings on Grant Ave. (Prims & Tunas) – Councilor Hoag

Councilor Hoag would like to research the possibility of moving the Food Shelf from Gilbert to Eveleth and using the Prims building. The building is a tax forfeit property owned by the County. Monahan-Junek will call AEOA to try to find someone able to help with the research.

7. Carter Circle Lots

Monahan-Junek confirmed that utilities are running through the lots. She will work with Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark, to determine the cost of utility extensions to subdivide some of the lots.

8. Agenda Q&A