

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Workshop**  
**January 21, 2014**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN**  
**6:00 p.m.**

Council present: Brad Hadrava, Councilor Brian Lillis, Councilor Joseph Koivunen, Mayor Robert Vlasisavljevich (Councilor Beth Peterson, Absent)

Staff present: City Clerk Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; Director of Public Works Michael Wiskow; Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering

**1. Review Feasibility Report for 2014 Street and Alley Improvement Project**

Wiskow discussed the assessment policy. In the past, the city assessor would make a determination of the maximum assessment value. The assessment cannot exceed the increased value to the property. St. Louis County cannot provide this information. Wiskow and Monahan-Junek will continue to research.

**2. Discuss installation of activated carbon chemical feed equipment at the water treatment plant to control taste and odor problem**

Ryan Capelle, Stantec, gave an update to the Council about possible remedies for the water taste and odor problems. Capelle believes the problems are associated with organics in the surface water. He offered a probable solution would be to add powdered activated carbon to absorb the organics. Capelle recommended the City set up a trial for this spring/summer. The Department of Health would require the equipment to be enclosed in a shed. If this solves the problem, the City would look at a permanent feed system and constructing a properly enclosed building.

Director Wiskow said the chemical would be injected near the raw water intake, the source of the problem. Capelle said this would give a better chance for the organics to attach to the particles before being filtered. He said contact time is very important for the chemicals to work.

Capelle estimated the trial run to cost just under \$30,000. The chemicals would run around \$1,500 per month. He said that initially the chemicals would be used from July 1<sup>st</sup> through September. However, other aesthetical benefits come from using the product, and people may get used to it. After public input, the City may want to use the chemicals year round.

**3. Discuss submitting requests for DWRF and CWRP programs**

Director Wiskow informed the Council of the upcoming deadlines for applying for the Drinking Water Revolving Fund and the Clean Water Revolving Fund. The Council supports the application. Wiskow said the City is currently on the list for the West Eveleth water tower renovation.

**4. Discuss plans for Eveleth City Auditorium Renovation Phase II project**

Bruce Paulson, Stantec, asked for Council approval to begin the bidding process for renovation of the Eveleth City Auditorium. The bidding would be for Phase II of the project. Paulson said they are planning a pre-bid walk through for interested contractors on February 4<sup>th</sup>. They would be receiving bids on February 13<sup>th</sup> and present the Council with a recommendation at the February 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. They hope to have substantial completion by the end of June 2014.

**5. Discuss recent grant from IRRRB**

Mayor Vlasisavljevich said he, along with Monahan-Junek, met with local legislators about reallocating the grant that was awarded to assisted living to the street/alley project.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich and Monahan-Junek met with St. Louis County Commissioner Keith Nelson this morning regarding a potential land swap and the bike trail between Eveleth and West Eveleth.

**6. Agenda Q&A**

Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering, gave an update on the bids for soil boring of City owned property located on the east side of Highway 53 in the southeast corner.

The following item was removed from the Agenda:

J11. Donations Request from Iron Range Youth in Action