

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Workshop
February 2, 2016
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN
6:15 p.m.

Mayor Robert Vlasisavljevich, Present
Councilor Brian Hoag, Present
Councilor Brad Hadrava, Present
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

1. 2016 discretionary capital

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek distributed information on available funds for 2016 discretionary capital. Discussion took place on installing a key/fob card access system for City buildings. The City Hall exterior doors and trim need to be painted.

Monahan-Junek reviewed the Fire Hall wish list.

Director Rosati reviewed the Public Works wish list for 2016.

2. 2016 Sanitary Sewer Project (main replacement on 700 & 800 blocks of Pierce Street)

Not discussed due to time.

3. Discuss election polling places

Eveleth currently has three polling places: Hippodrome, Senior High School and Leonidas Community Center. The Hippodrome has been problematic for voters. Each election numerous voters trip (and several have fallen) while entering the building. The Senior High School has limited space. The long walking distance has also proven to be a hardship for handicapped and elderly voters.

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek and Deputy City Clerk Friebe have proposed combining precincts and utilizing the newly remodeled Auditorium Building. The Auditorium would provide adequate space, parking, and handicap accessibility.

The majority of the Council is in favor of utilizing the Auditorium for the 2016 Elections. However, the Council expressed concern over combining and eliminating the Leonidas Community Center polling place for West Eveleth residents. During the 2014 General Election, there were 215 voters from West Eveleth who voted at the Leonidas Community Center on Election Day.

4. Agenda Q&A