

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Workshop
February 6, 2012
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN
5:00 p.m.

The HRA met at 5:00 p.m.

1. Project Updates – Dave Salene

Mesabi Woods: The bank has rejected an offer made on the property. Dave Salene said the potential investor continues to show interest related to opening Section 8 Housing within Eveleth City limits. However, the Mesabi Woods Apartments will not likely be the location.

Aqua Power: Aqua Power is looking to expand, but the Bertucci site is not feasible due to numerous noise complaints by local residential home owners. Salene said a location within VEEDA has been discussed. Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering, has done some preliminary planning. The City of Eveleth would have to obtain the land out of the VEEDA agreement.

Chicagami: Chicagami had submitted an application to purchase the former Finger Hut building. The funding was denied. Chicagami has requested City help to examine possibilities of staying in their current location in the school building.

St. Mary's Lake Redevelopment: Dave Salene has met with Eric Fallstrom and Mike Wiskow. They are in the process of developing cost estimates for utilities. Salene has also met with a developer to discuss prospects for the area.

Eveleth Health Services Park: EHSP is up to 21 patients. Beginning in April, they intend to start making loan repayments to the City at \$3,000 a month.

Days Inn: Salene met with Steve Carlson, owner of the Days Inn. Salene told Carlson that the City is willing to assist him. Carlson would need to supply Salene with financial records and his plans for the site.

2. Discuss MPCA January 19, 2012 response to our December 28, 2011 comments on Draft Wastewater Treatment Plant permit

Director Wiskow suggested the Council meet with a representative of the MPCA.

3. Discuss imposing \$100/month penalty for non-compliant foundation drain property owners

Director Wiskow discussed imposing the \$100 per month penalty on property owners who have not come into compliance with foundation drains. Wiskow referred to Resolution No. 3452, “Resolution Imposing Penalties for Allowing Surface Runoff into the Sanitary Sewers.” The resolution was adopted February 16, 1999. Wiskow said that he would grant reasonable extensions for customers to complete their work. The City received a fine from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency in 2011. Many of the violations were related to excessive flow of storm water into the wastewater treatment plant.

4. Discuss submitting grant request to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Community Forest Bonding Grant 2012-2014 program

Director Wiskow discussed a grant application to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources for the Community Forest Bonding Grant 2012-2014 program. If awarded, the monies would be used to replace trees throughout the City lost to pest, storms and disease.

5. Letter regarding Bob Pazzelli’s hockey achievements

Councilor Koivunen received a letter from community residents requesting the Hipp Hockey League Committee honor Bob Pazzelli by placing his pictures and accomplishments at the Hippodrome. The Council would like a letter addressed to the Hipp Hockey League Committee asking them to reconsider the request and add Bob Pazzelli the honorees.

6. Discuss Land Licenses

Discussion took place on the land licenses for Alice Location and West Eveleth.

7. Alice Location Title Work Update – Mike Patchin

Discussion took place on the oil leak on the land formerly leased by Chris Bertucci.

8. Agenda Q&A

Councilor Koivunen indicated Jeff Torrel would like to be reappointed to the Joint Recreation Board.