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Eveleth City Council Workshop
March 19, 2013
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN
5:30 p.m.

Council Present: Councilor Beth Peterson, Councilor Brad Hadrava, Councilor Brian Lillis, Councilor Joseph Koivunen, Mayor Robert Vlasisavljevich

Staff present: City Clerk/Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt; Chief of Police Timothy Koivunen; Director of Public Works Michael Wiskow; Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering

1. Visitor, AEOA, to discuss potential housing project located near the Eveleth HRA

Leah Hall, Housing Project Manager with AEOA, made a presentation to the Council regarding a proposed 16-20 unit permanent supportive housing for homeless and unstable adults and their families. The site they are interested in is next to the Eveleth HRA. Hall invited the Council to tour the Foyer in Virginia which houses homeless teens. Several Council members expressed interest in touring the Foyer.

2. Discuss service break at 307 B Avenue

Adam Venne and Director Wiskow explained the service break at Venne's property. In September of 2012, Venne had a sewer backup. The City purchased the property at 303 B Avenue, and the house was demolished in February or March of 2005. Wiskow said it is difficult to know whether or not the demolition of the house at 303 B Avenue caused damage to the sewer pipe associated with Venne's property.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich asked Venne if he would be interested in purchasing the land at 303 B Avenue. Venne said he would be interested, but would want to split the land with his neighbor. The Council was in favor of reimbursing Venne for his expenses, and would like to set up a satisfaction of agreement for Venne to purchase the land.

This item will be added to the Council Agenda.

3. Discuss 2013 roof/foundation drain inspection program

Eric Fallstrom said the 2013 roof/drain inspection program is part of the stipulations set by the MPCA.

4. Discuss 2013 sanitary sewer cleaning and televising project

Eric Fallstrom said this is year three of the mandate from the MPCA.

5. 2013 CIP bid schedule

Fallstrom updated the Council on the bid schedule for the Jones Street reconstruction. The County sent out bids on March 8th and will be opening the bids in Duluth on April 4, 2013. The County would like to expedite the process and has asked the City to hold a special meeting to review and approve the plans.

The Council will hold a special council meeting on Monday, April 8, 2013.

6. Proposed Heritage Commission

Bill Aho was not in attendance to discuss this item.

7. Downtown Holiday Decorations

Councilor Peterson and Councilor Koivunen will serve on the Downtown Holiday Decorations Committee. The City will plan on \$30,000 to \$40,000 for upgrading the decorations.

8. Agenda Q&A

None.

9. Closed session to develop an offer for the purchase of real property

The Council went into closed session at 6:43 p.m. to develop an offer for the purchase of real property. Closed session ended at 7:06 p.m.