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Eveleth City Council Workshop
6:00 p.m., April 1, 2014
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

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

Also present: City Clerk Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt; Director of Public Works Michael Wiskow; Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering; Consultant Dave Salene

1. Bond Financing for Public Projects

For the pending 2014 Capital Improvement Projects, the assessment obligation is less than 20 percent which requires a public referendum to fund the bond pursuant to the City Charter and Minnesota State Statute. According to Minnesota Statutes 410.12, Subd. 7, the a fourth class city can modify their charter by ordinance. This would allow the issuance of City debt without a public referendum.

Discussion took place about making changes to the charter to be limited to infrastructure which would be defined. Salene said it is also suggested the charter be amended to add variable bonds.

2. Review plans for 2014 Sanitary Sewer Improvements project and 2014 Street & Alley Improvement Project

Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering, distributed plans for the 2014 Sanitary Sewer and Street & Alley Improvement Project.

3. Update on water and sewer system operation as a result of severe frost depth

Director Wiskow reviewed water and sewer costs with the Council. The costs have increased significantly due to the severe frost depth this winter. The Council is hoping for some legislative or state financial assistance.

4. Discuss purchase of wheel loader and loader-mounted snow blower

The City is looking to purchase a new loader. Director Wiskow said the Public Works Department was able to demo four different brands. The recommendation is to purchase the Caterpillar 930K. The City of Virginia recently purchased a mounted snow blower. Director Wiskow would like to look at their snow blower once it arrives before making a recommendation to the Council.

5. Date for public meeting regarding proposed tri-school co-location

The Eveleth-Gilbert School Board is not interested in co-hosting a meeting with the City to discuss the proposed tri-school. The City will hold a public meeting on April 29, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the United States Hockey Hall of Fame Museum to discuss the consolidation.

6. Agenda Q&A