

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Workshop
April 7, 2015
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN
6:00 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 Mike Wiskow; Rodney Flannigan, Benchmark Engineering

1. Alice Location Update – Rick Crum & Jenny Holmes, NTS

Rick Crum and Jenny Holmes as members of NTS discussed the Central Iron Range Brownfield Coalition. The City received \$147,000 in EPA grant money for the site investigation at the Alice Location and former Arrowhead Laundry Site. Some areas of contamination were found which would require additional sampling of the soil.

Holmes explained the land could stay as is with no further requirements from the State. Crum clarified that there is no risk with no use of the land. However, construction of a building on the site would change the property use and risk. Holmes informed the Council of another potential grant opportunity. The grant is up to \$50,000 with the City responsible for a 25 percent share to develop a response action plan for the sites. If awarded, the grant money would be used as leverage when applying for clean-up funds.

2. Minnesota Power's Proposed Hat Trick Substation Project

The Council is in favor of using the proposed snow dump site dependent on financial compensation for the property. Monahan-Junek will have an appraiser look at the site to determine the value. The cost for the appraiser is \$1,500.

3. Review plans for 2015 Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project

Director Wiskow and Rodney Flannigan, Benchmark Engineering, discussed the plans for the 2015 Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project.

4. Review plans for renovation of restrooms for the Eveleth City Auditorium project

Director Wiskow distributed plans from Stantec Consulting for renovating the restrooms at the Eveleth City Auditorium building. The plans include reconstructing the existing restrooms to be used as unisex bathrooms. Stantec had planned a suspended ceiling in the sitting room. By request of Councilor Hoag and City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek, Wiskow will check with Stantec about removing the dropped ceiling option. The Council would like to maintain the historical character of the building. As an add alternate, a sink and counter top with outlets would be installed in the back of the main auditorium.

The proposed substantial completion date is July 24, 2015 with final completion on August 7, 2015.

5. Discuss proposal received for RRCC Run Sliding Hill warming shack

The City has received \$3,000 in donations for the warming shack. Seppi Concrete has agreed to donate the concrete for the slab. The Council will have further discussion on this item at the upcoming Special Council Meeting.

6. Discuss Sheriff's Execution Sale – Bonsai Tea LLC, 411 Grant Avenue

City Attorney Bonnie Thayer explained the Sheriff's Execution Sale of Bonsai Tea LLC, 411 Grant Avenue. Trenti Law Firm has a judgment against the owner. The sale will take place tomorrow. There is a redemption period which allows the owner to stay on the premises for one year even after the sale of property.

7. Update on Carter Circle lots

This item was not discussed.

8. Agenda Q&A