

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Workshop
6:10 p.m., April 15, 2014
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

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

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

City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt present at 6:26 p.m.

1. Discuss plans for restroom improvements at the Eveleth City Auditorium

A preconstruction meeting will be held at the City Auditorium this Friday, April 18th, at 9:30 a.m. Director Wiskow reviewed the restroom plans from Stantec with the Council, and indicated they are waiting to get the pricing from Lenci Enterprises.

2. Discuss Letter of Warning from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the City of Eveleth response

Director Wiskow discussed the letter of warning from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and the City's response letter.

3. Discuss citizen's request for reimbursement for frozen water and sanitary sewer services

Director Wiskow outlined two unique frozen water situations. In the 800 block of Pierce Street the main froze and stopped flow of sewage to 809 Pierce Street. A contractor was hired to thaw the main, and the homeowner received a bill for \$300. In March, the residents of 1102 and 1103 West 2nd Street reported frozen water services, and hired contractors to thaw the line. It was determined that the main water line was frozen. In both cases, the residents are requesting the City pay the bill received from their contractors.

4. Update on clinic lease negotiations

Jon Marcaccini is working with the City on behalf of Dr. Draper to negotiate on the lease.

5. Proposed Arrowhead Laundry building purchase

Attorney Mike Patchin has drafted a proposed purchase agreement. The City would purchase the laundry building and garage for one dollar. The CIRI grant would be applied towards

investigative costs associated with property pollution. The City's goal is to sell the property after the hazards are identified, and a remediation plan is developed.

6. Agenda Q&A

Councilor Peterson was at the last meeting with area seniors regarding the Senior Center (located across the street from the Eveleth Library). Peterson said the group is wondering what their options are for the building. They are no longer able to maintain the property. The title lists "Eveleth Seniors" as the owners. Jerry Hoel will work with the group on behalf of the Eveleth Foundation. One possibility would be to sell the building with profits going towards the Eveleth Foundation.

City Clerk/Administrator Monahan-Junek will work with an AEOA inspector to determine whether the building could be rehabbed for housing.

Councilor Hadrava said he talked with three of the Minnesota Wild Hockey tickets winners. Hadrava said they are hoping the City will continue with future drawings. Monahan-Junek clarified that the United States Hockey Hall of Fame Museum sponsored the tickets.