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Eveleth City Council Workshop
April 16, 2013
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN
6:00 p.m.

Council Present: Councilor Brad Hadrava, Councilor Brian Lillis, Councilor Joseph Koivunen, Mayor Robert Vlaisavljevich

Also 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. Proposed Heritage Committee

Bill Aho reminded the Council of the information he gave them about a month and a half ago. Aho said the current Heritage Committee identifies historical photos. They do not have resources to do much more. Aho proposed that if a committee was established, as in the City of Ely, they would be able to apply for grants and develop a better focus.

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek said it was her understanding that the Heritage Committee under the Laurentian Chamber is unable to apply for certain grants. Mayor Vlaisavljevich said he envisions the City Auditorium being used to house the Heritage Committee. Councilor Lillis said the City's Charter may have stipulations regarding the formation of a new commission. Councilor Lillis volunteered to work on the subcommittee that will further research the Heritage Committee.

2. Discuss potential AEOA housing project located near the Eveleth HRA

The AEOA Board will be taking formal action on the proposed housing project next to the Eveleth HRA. City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek will inform AEOA that the Council is in favor of moving forward with the project.

3. Update on Bid Award for 2013 Jones Street Reconstruction

Eric Fallstrom advised the Council that the County Board has accepted the original low bid from Ulland Brothers. City Attorney Brunfelt said the City has insurance coverage in the event the City would be drawn into a lawsuit. The County had deemed the original Ulland Brothers bid irregular and rejected the bid. The project was then awarded to Hibbing Excavating, the next low bidder. The Ulland Brothers attorney contested the rejection of the bid for the Jones Street Reconstruction project. At the last County Board meeting, the Board awarded the bid back to Ulland Brothers by a 5 to 2 vote.

4. Discuss information received from 3D Concrete & Construction for construction of new Northside Park Skating Shack

Steven Denny, 3D Concrete & Construction, has submitted a proposal for building the Northside Park Skating Shack. Earlier this year, the Council rejected quotations for the shack as all were over budget. Denny has proposed some changes that would bring down the cost of building the structure. Wiskow said that Denny will have some figures available for the next Council Meeting.

5. Discuss replacement of “Plexiglas” at Hippodrome

Director Wiskow explained the damage to the Plexiglas at the Hippodrome. After five years of using a product recommended by a salesperson from State Chemical Solutions, the Plexiglas has started to streak and spider cracks are visible. The Council discussed replacing the Plexiglas with tempered glass.

6. Discuss water treatment plant Notice of Violation (NOV) from the Minnesota Department of Health

Director Wiskow explained that the City received a Notice of Violation from the Minnesota Department of Health regarding the City’s turbidity monitoring. The City will place a notice in the local newspaper and in the utility bills to inform residents of the violation.

7. Discuss Highway 53 Relocation

The City has received a letter and resolution from the City of Virginia regarding relocation of Highway 53. The following item will be added to the Agenda:

J4. Resolution in Opposition of the Minnesota Department of Transportation’s Proposed Westerly Route for the Relocation of Highway 53

8. Agenda Q&A

Mayor Vlaisavljevich encouraged the Council to think about future IRRRB projects.