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Eveleth City Council Workshop
6:15 p.m., May 6, 2014
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

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

Also present: City Clerk Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt (arrived at 6:40 p.m.); Chief of Police Timothy Koivunen; Director of Public Works Michael Wiskow; Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering

1. Rental Housing Code Update – Councilor Peterson

Councilor Peterson outlined the proposed process. Peterson said there will be three scheduled meetings with Legal Aid present at the meetings. Zoning Administrator Tony Jeffries will conduct the meeting. Monahan-Junek said the goal is to have some minimum standards for rental owners. Health, safety, and blight are the key issues.

2. IRRRB Grants

- a. Assisted Living – Mayor Vlasisavljevich suggested the City fund \$150,000 over the \$350,000 grant amount
- b. 2014 Street & Alley Improvements – \$250,000 was reinstated
- c. Other – \$550,000 remaining (use towards the City Auditorium building)

3. Update on Minnesota Department of Commerce Made in Minnesota Solar Incentive Program

The City has not received funding for this opportunity.

4. Discuss bids received and funding for Hayes Street Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project and 2014 Street & Alley Improvements Project

Director Wiskow discussed the bids received.

5. Discuss Golf Cart Storage Building Addition – Councilor Koivunen

Councilor Koivunen discussed the possibility of constructing a new storage building. They have about 19 people on a waiting list to rent space at the Golf Course. If the AEOA youth build is available for the project, the cost of construction would be reduced significantly.

6. Discuss purchase of new riding mower for the Golf Course

The new mower would cost a little over \$8,000, and the bagger would be an additional cost of \$1,600.

7. Discuss recommendation for 2014 Golf Course rates

The Golf Commission has recommended rates be increased at the Golf Course for 2014.

8. Business Inquiries

Monahan-Junek received a call from a property owner in Texas indicating he was in negotiations for a land swap with the current Days Inn owner.

Monahan-Junek said there is an aircraft designer who would like to locate on the Iron Range. Monahan-Junek will be meeting with them tomorrow.

9. Auxiliary Auditorium uses – Councilor Peterson

Councilor Peterson referenced the Cotton school which was revamped. They have facilities which can be rented out as artist rooms. Peterson wondered if the Auditorium would be able to rent out rooms.

10. Agenda Q&A

The following item was added to the Agenda:

J13. Donation Request from the 4th of July Committee.