

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Workshop**  
**May 7, 2013**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN**  
**6:30 p.m.**

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

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

**1. Legislative Update**

Mayor Vlasisavljevich has made a phone call, and City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek reminded legislators that a list of the City's requests were hand delivered to them. Originally the amounts were \$440,000 for the Jones Street Improvement and \$250,000 for the City Auditorium. The amount has now been reduced to \$498,000 total.

Other possible funding options for the Auditorium are as follows:

- 1) The City could make the Auditorium a priority with the IRRRB request;
- 2) The City could put general funds towards the Auditorium; or
- 3) The City could bond for the Auditorium.

**2. City Auditorium Update**

Director Wiskow listed several projects for the Auditorium to include: hazardous material abatement, sprinkler system upgrade; egress window, exit lighting, functional restrooms, etc.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich proposed \$300,000 (which included restrooms) to get the Auditorium ready to use. The kitchen would not be included in that amount. Vlasisavljevich expressed the need for a community center in Eveleth.

The buildings and grounds Committee (Councilor Koivunen and Councilor Peterson) will meet next week with City staff.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich asked Director Wiskow if the architect is slowing the project down. Wiskow agreed it is taking longer than expected for that part of the project.

Councilor Peterson asked if volunteers could help with cleaning out the Auditorium. Mayor Vlasisavljevich said it is possible, but he would like to limit the use of volunteers

for the project. He does not want them to get burnt out. Also some of the projects will require professional contractors.

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

City Attorney Brunfelt said with bonding the cost will be over \$100,000. The City would be required to go through a competitive bid process.

Bill Denny, 3D Concrete & Construction, said the City would save over \$4,000 without a bond.

Attorney Brunfelt said the City cannot waive bonds. He said the reality is that even if the City did waive a bond, the City is required by State standard to get two quotes. Brunfelt said that even if the quote was under \$100,000 they would need to have another quote as these are taxpayer dollars.

Denny said they have spent many hours on the project. Director Wiskow said the Council was under the impression they could directly negotiate with 3D Construction.

Attorney Brunfelt said, if the work is valuable, the City would be allowed to compensate 3D for their professional time.

Councilor Lillis asked if the specs for the proposed bidding process would go back to the original plans. Wiskow has reviewed all of the notes and three proposed changes from 3D. He has also added a fourth change to the specs.

Councilor Peterson said she felt 3D should be compensated for their time.

**4. Discuss City Assessing**

Not discussed.

**5. Discuss HRA Appointment**

Not discussed.

**6. 2012 Year-End**

Not discussed.

**7. Agenda Q&A**

*Removed Item J2. Consider Accepting Quotation from 3D Concrete and Construction for Construction of New Northside Park Skating Shack*