

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Workshop
June 2, 2015
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN
5:00 p.m.

Mayor Robert Vlasisavljevich, Present
Councilor Brian Hoag, Present
Councilor Brad Hadrava, Absent
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 Michael Wiskow; Rodney Flannigan, Benchmark Engineering

1. The City Council went into closed session pursuant to the Attorney-client privilege to discuss the Hilde vs. City of Eveleth Lawsuit
2. The City Council went into closed session to determine the asking price for City owned real property located on Park Avenue and Hat Trick Avenue (snow dump)
3. The City Council went into closed session to develop an offer for the purchase of real property located at 701 Hat Trick Avenue

(The Council reconvened the regular workshop meeting at 6:25 p.m.)

4. Discuss water and sanitary sewer revenues, expenses, and user rates

Discussion took place on raising the rates. Director Wiskow, City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek and the Council Public Utilities Committee will meet to review the rates.

Councilor Koivunen wondered when the rate increase would begin. Koivunen said, "We need to give people a little time." Lillis concurred that the Council should approve a plan that would include the rate increase effective dates.

5. Discuss litigation involving "Flushable Wipes"

The Council reviewed an email from Attorney Steve Nyhus of Flaherty & Hood. Nyhus indicated they are working on a case with some Minnesota cities stemming from the false marketing and sale of "flushable wipes." The lawsuit alleges that these "flushable wipes" do not degrade in the sewer system and remain intact resulting in significant damage to municipal and county sewer systems and wastewater treatment facilities.

Director Wiskow stated that the City of Eveleth has not had any problems as of yet. Councilor Hoag suggested information be distributed in the City's utility bill to inform residents.

6. Discuss 2016 Capital Budget Grants for 2016 Bonding Projects

Discussion took place on submitting the application for 2016 bonding projects. The Council was in favor of listing the Alice Location infrastructure on the application.

7. Agenda Q&A

Councilor Koivunen shared a letter from the Golf Commission requesting use of beautification funds to landscape the entrance of the clubhouse. The following item was added to the agenda:

J5. Golf Course Improvements