

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Workshop**  
**June 5, 2012**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN**  
**5:45 p.m.**

**1. Discuss Shelter/Gazebo at Eveleth Public Library**

The gazebos that were presented may not be large enough. The City will continue to research other options including: 1) a historical looking pavilion; and 2) the possibility of a class taking on construction of the pavilion as a project. Library Director Marybeth Kafut said she would rather not spend the money on the building that would not be large enough.

**2. Discuss Calling for Quotations for Hippodrome Ice Plant Compressor Electrical Work and Setting Special City Council Meeting to Approve Quotations**

Public Works Director Mike Wiskow said the plant needs to be fired up for summer ice by June 15<sup>th</sup>. Wiskow has been working to get quotations for the ice plant compressor electrical work. He expressed his concerns with the project not being ready due to material delivery. This item will be added to the agenda to authorize Director Wiskow to approve the quotations so that a Special Meeting will not be necessary.

**3. Station 44 Road Lot Development**

Mayor Vlasisavljevich would like to set up a joint meeting with the City Council and EDA to discuss options for development of the Station 44 Road lot. Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering, said that wetlands will dictate what sort of planning can be done on the sites.

Discussion took place on the lack of signage for the Mesabi Station. Bill Aho, Eveleth EDA, said a plan for signage to Mesabi Station was originally set up with the Iron Range Tourism Board.

**4. St. Mary's Lake Development Concept – Feasibility Study**

Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering, provided information on a feasibility study as requested by Councilor Hadrava. Councilor Hadrava said the property would provide high end lake property which would return value to the City. The property is currently priced around \$625,000.

**5. Vacant Police Officer Position**

Chief of Police Tim Koivunen addressed the Council with a request to hire a police officer to fill the vacant position. The Police Department has budgeted for 10 officers, but has been operating with only 9 officers since the 2010 retirement of Rick High. Overtime costs were around \$48,000 last year. A full-time police officer position would be around \$70,000 to include medical benefits. Chief Koivunen expressed his concerns with officer burnout and a potential upcoming medical leave for one of his officers.

#### **6. Minnesota Wild 10-Game Pack (Councilor Hadrava)**

Councilor Hadrava would like the City to purchase season tickets for the Minnesota Wild Hockey team to give away to residents of Eveleth. Season tickets are around \$1,200. City Clerk/Administrator Monahan-Junek said the City could possibly work with the Hockey Hall of Fame to purchase the tickets.

#### **7. Agenda Q&A**

Added to the agenda:

J5. Discuss Calling for Quotations for Hippodrome Ice Plant Compressor Electrical Work and Setting Special City Council Meeting to Approve Quotations

J6. Authorize Public Works Director to Call for Quotations for the Stairs to the Auditorium

Councilor Hoag would like to discuss the Cable Commission at the next City Council Workshop Meeting in July.