

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Workshop
4:00 p.m., June 27, 2016
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

Mayor Robert Vlasisavljevich, Present
Councilor Brian Hoag, Present
Councilor Brad Hadrava, Present
Councilor Brian Lillis, Present
Councilor Joseph Koivunen, Present

Also present: City Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; Chief of Police Timothy Koivunen

1. City Auditorium improvements

Monahan-Junek showed an architect's drawing of two options for an additional women's restroom. The choices are: two additional separate handicap accessible restrooms OR 1 non-handicap accessible restrooms with 3 stalls.

The Council stated their preference is the two additional separate handicap accessible restrooms plus the need to add a urinal(s) in the men's restroom if possible.

2. 2016 Discretionary Capital Expenditures and project funding

Monahan-Junek distributed the most recent list of 2016 Discretionary Capital Expenditures.

3. Discuss exploring collaboration opportunities with Gilbert, Fayal, Leonidas, and Eveleth-Gilbert school district

Monahan-Junek recommended the City hire a facilitator to facilitate a meeting with Gilbert, Fayal, Leonidas, and the Eveleth-Gilbert to discuss exploring collaboration opportunities. The Council is in favor of this. The entire Council will be noticed when the meeting is set up and two council members will attend.

4. Reassignment of IRRRB grant (from Chicagami to another city project)

The City Council identified potential projects to ask the former Chicagami grant be reassigned to. Those projects are infrastructure for city owned property in the Alice Location and Station 44 Road, a new roadway connecting Station 44 Rd. to Progress Parkway, and renovation of the City water tower. Monahan-Junek will speak with Chris Ismil further about the reassignment of the grant.

5. Verizon Wireless lease proposal

Verizon Wireless is interested in building a communications tower in West Eveleth on city owned property. The property would be leased to Verizon for a monthly lease fee. The Council is supportive of exploring this.

6. Tax forfeited residential properties

The Council discussed 410 Cleveland and 303 Grant Avenue. They discussed the possibility of partnering with the HRA for housing at 303 Grant Avenue. Monahan-Junek found out after this workshop that 303 Grant Avenue has been repurchased and is not available.

7. New Health Care Dwelling Law

Monahan-Junek distributed information from the League of Minnesota Cities regarding a new law that will allow landowners to place mobile residential dwellings on their property to serve as a temporary family health care dwelling. The new law allows cities to avoid being subject to the new permit system and its requirements if they either pass an opt-out ordinance or if these structures are a permit use in the City. The City Council would like to pass an opt-out ordinance.

8. Discuss City of Virginia request for utility easement

The City of Virginia is requesting easements from the City for gas utility lines and a Town Border Station (TBS). The City of Virginia has agreed to clear the trees and shrubs in a 66' area within the easement. Monahan-Junek suggested that in addition to the easements, that an agreement be drafted and signed by both parties that stipulates the clearing work the City of Virginia will be doing, and that this agreement be signed before the City Council signs the easements. The City Council concurred.

9. Update on purchase of land on Station 44 Road

The City has a verbal agreement to purchase vacant property adjacent to 1809 Station 44 Road owned by Edward and Sandy Hozian. The City Attorney will draft the purchase agreement for Monahan-Junek to send to Edward and Sandy Hozian for their signature. The purchase agreement will then be presented to the City Council for approval.

The workshop adjourned at 5:07 p.m.