

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Workshop
6:00 p.m., July 1, 2014
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

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

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

1. Business Inquiry Update

There is an aircraft company looking at the possibility of locating at the Eveleth Airport. The company has also been considering Hibbing and Grand Rapids. Fayal is not in favor of the company locating within their township. Pursuant to the IRRRB proposal, the City would lease and potentially sell a piece of the City owned property. Consultant Dave Salene said there is concern about whether the City would maintain control of the land. Mayor Vlasisavljevich asked about annexing the Fayal property. Salene explained the process. He said it could possibly be done.

2. Financing Public Projects

Dave Salene referred to a few Council meetings back where modifications to the City Charter were discussed. The Council cannot make the revisions. The Charter would have to be revised by the Charter Commission.

Monahan-Junek said people would need to be recruited for the Charter Commission. The whole process could take at 12 months long; but realistically more like 16 to 18 months.

3. Assisted Living Update

Salene said the Assisted Living Project is moving forward. The goal is to have the paperwork started in September with a construction start date in the spring of next year.

4. Discuss Eveleth Senior Citizens building

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek said that Jerry Hoel from Miners Bank has been helping the Eveleth Seniors Citizens. The Seniors have made an offer for the City to buy the

building for one dollar. Monahan-Junek said there may be some opportunity to turn it into housing and resell it.

Councilor Koivunen said the seniors have been stressed about upkeep of the property.

Councilor Hadrava warned that shutting down the heat for the winter would have ill effects on the wood.

5. Discuss moisture problem at the Hippodrome

Mayor Vlaisavljevich suggested that Stantec do a study to determine the issues at the Hippodrome. Director Wiskow said Boyd Carlblom of Range Reliable will likely be doing further research after the denial from the insurance company has been received.

6. Discuss failure of Northside Park Hockey Rink dasher boards

Director Wiskow expressed his frustration with the company that sold the dasher boards to the City for the hockey rink at Northside Park. Wiskow said at the time of purchase the sales representative indicated the boards would work for a hockey rink. However, the company's warranty is stating the boards are not to be used for hockey. Wiskow said the City of Virginia uses a similar product and has had occasional breakage over the years. The City of Eveleth has had numerous panels break in the last year at a cost of about \$22,000. City Attorney Colosimo said he will send a motivating letter to the company.

7. Discuss updated water and sewer department expenditures incurred due to the severe 2013-14 winter

Director Wiskow distributed an updated list of additional expense incurred for water and wastewater during the running water advisory this winter.

8. Agenda Q&A

The following items were removed from the Agenda:

J3. Purchase Agreement for City to purchase Arrowhead Laundry building located at 408 Fayal Road, Eveleth, MN; and

J9. Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Section 4.50 Sign Regulations of the City Code.

Councilor Hadrava discussed potential development of property off of Highway 53. Benchmark Engineering has been working with a contractor to determine whether or not the land is buildable. The contractor performed some borings on the site. Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering, said the biggest issue to resolve would be wetland concerns. Fallstrom said the area could be suitable for development but there will be hurdles.

The Council discussed the pay equity report on the Consent Agenda.