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Eveleth City Council Workshop
4:30 p.m., July 22, 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; Police Chief Tim Koivunen; Financial Consultant David Salene; Contract Zoning Administrator/EDA Coordinator Tony Jeffries

1. Financing 2014 Projects

- Charter Commission/Changes

Salene reported that Kennedy & Graven did some additional research and in order for the City Charter to be amended, the Charter Commission must be re-established. Monahan-Junek reported that she is starting a list of persons interested in serving on the Charter Commission.

The City Council is in agreement that staff should move forward to re-establish the Charter Commission.

Salene and Monahan-Junek advised that the City Council not spend any additional fund balance dollars on projects as this time. The fund balance will be covering the 2014 CIP costs until the Charter is amended, a bond is issued, and the funds are available to pay back the fund balance.

2. Proposed Ordinances

- Sign ordinance
- Other

Jeffries answered questions regarding the proposed sign ordinance. He will conduct additional research and the proposed sign ordinance will be brought to the City Council meeting on August 5, 2014 for Introduction and First Reading. Modifications can be made to the ordinance between the Introduction and First Reading, and the Second (final) Reading.

3. Business Inquiry Update

Monahan-Junek reported that Salene and Monahan-Junek met with the business at their office in Superior, WI. The business is currently soliciting investors. Monahan-Junek will

work with KLJ (airport engineer) on a proposal to locate at the Eveleth-Virginia Airport on land owned by the City of Eveleth.

4. Minnesota Power Pole Yard Update

The City Council previously committed to a lease/purchase for Minnesota Power to locate in the Alice Location. Monahan-Junek reported the environmental and title work is still in-process. Minnesota Power is anxious to move and asked if the City would sell them the City owned land east of Highway 53 and south of Highway 37. The City Council indicated they would consider leasing the land to Minnesota Power until the Alice Location is ready, but are not interested in selling the property.

5. 2015 Budget Meeting Schedule

Monahan-Junek stated that she will be scheduling the 2015 Budget meetings.

6. IRRRB Demo Program – Bill’s TV, Jones, St., Hayes St.

Monahan-Junek reported that Bill’s TV is tax forfeit and the County Land Department is interested in partnering with communities to remove blighted buildings. The house at 524 Hayes Street is currently under construction. An IRRRB demolition application packet was provided to the owners of 804 Jones St. and it has not been returned.

7. Weekly Articles

The City is not getting any newspaper coverage of all the projects and positive activities happening in the City. Contract EDA Coordinator Jeffries will start writing and submitting articles to the local newspapers, etc.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.