

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Workshop**  
**August 6, 2012**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN**  
**5:45 p.m.**

Council Present: Councilor Beth Peterson, Councilor Joseph Koivunen, Councilor Brian Hoag, Councilor Bradley Hadrava, Mayor Robert Vlasisavljevich,

**1. Agenda Q&A**

**2. Update on Auditorium Project**

Director Wiskow gave an update on the plan for the front steps at the City's Auditorium building. Councilor Peterson distributed a memorandum regarding the Park Rapids Armory Study. The Park Rapids Armory restoration project received grant money from the Clean Energy Resources Team.

**3. Product Updates – David Salene**

Consultant Dave Salene updated the Council on several projects.

Eveleth Health Services Park: Salene said the nursing home continues to do well. Elder Care will be responsible for replacing the nursing home administrator.

Mesabi Woods: The bank has made the decision to vacate all the units. They are not making enough money to pay for utilities.

Chicagami: There was a very productive meeting with the Director of Chicagami and the school superintendent. The board will work to get a lease agreement extension for 12 months. There is a meeting scheduled with the school board on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**4. Election campaign signs on City property**

City Clerk/Administrator Monahan-Junek distributed information on election signs. Pursuant to Eveleth City Code Section 4.50, signs other than governmental signs are prohibited within the public right of way. Minnesota Statute, Section 160.27 also applies to political campaigns.

After the 2012 election, the sign ordinance will be reviewed. The City may choose to revise the ordinance to include areas where signs may be posted.

**5. Blight ordinance and blight enforcement**

Police Chief Koivunen indicated that some changes need to be made to the blight ordinance. City Clerk/Administrator Monahan-Junek said the former police chief would be interested in

helping to rewrite the blight ordinance. The Council decided to allow Chief Koivunen to work on the blight ordinance through out the year.

**6. Discuss proposed water, sanitary sewer, and refuse rate revisions**

Councilor Koivunen expressed his concerns about some customers being shut of and others being allowed to continue in delinquency. The utility rates will be added the Special Meeting to be held on August 13<sup>th</sup> for further discussion.

**7. Discuss 2013 Jones Street Project Expansion into the 400 block of Jones St.**

Director Michael Wiskow and Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering, met with the County regarding the Jones Street project. The County does not intend to replace the storm sewers located on top of the sanitary sewer lines.

**8. Discuss projects for consideration of FY13 IRRRB Grant Programs**

The IRRRB grants are due October 15<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Vlasisavljevich asked the Council if street projects should be the priority for the grant application.

**9. 2013 Budget and Levy**

The budget and levy meeting will be held on Monday, August 13, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

Monahan-Junek said the Northeast Co-op was able to buy down the City's health insurance premium from a 28 percent increase to an 11 percent increase.

**10. Tuna's – Councilor Hadrava**

Councilor Hadrava suggested talking with Tom Hall, owner of Tuna's Bar, before the building is tax forfeited. Monahan-Junek said the City receives a list of tax forfeited property before the public is notified.

**11. West Eveleth Lots**

Mark Knutson purchased a lot in West Eveleth. The Council reduced the original price of the lots from \$20,000 to \$10,000. Knutson offered \$5,000, and the Council accepted his offer. After thorough surveying, Knutson became aware that the property was somewhat smaller than described. Councilor Peterson said the EDA would be dissatisfied if the City reduced the lot to less than \$5,000.

**12. Council Updates**