

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Workshop
August 6, 2013
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN
3:00 p.m.

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

1. 2014 Budget and Levy

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek distributed information for the 2014 budget discussion.

2. Discuss facilities quotes

Mark Wirtanen and Joe Ellingson from Architectural Resources discussed projects they have received quotations for on City facility improvements. They are recommending the City move forward with the following:

Carpet Quotes, Masonry & Caulking Quotes, Roofing & Mechanical Quotes, and Window Panel Quotes

3. Discuss revised hockey plaza renovation budget

The Council reviewed photos of the proposed panes to be installed at the hockey plaza on the Main Street. Mark Wirtanen displayed landscaping plans for the hockey plaza renovation. Monahan-Junek distributed a budget for the project in the amount of \$61,500. Councilor Koivunen estimated at least five to 10 daily visitors at the plaza. Koivunen said it is an honor for the hockey legends. Councilor Lillis presumed even more people might visit if the area was upgraded. Councilor Peterson suggested the informational bulletin board also be updated as part of the project. Councilor Hadrava voiced his concerns on maintenance of the landscaping. Wirtanen will revisit the species of bushes with his staff to make sure they will not overgrow the area.

4. Request from The Heart of the Continent

Ardy Nurmi-Wilberg, The Heart of the Continent, explained an opportunity the City has to be part of a geotourism website with National Geographic. The City would be asked to make

a \$2,000 towards the program. Monahan-Junek will bring this item to the next Council Workshop Meeting.

5. Update on Sorcan/Cook lot purchase request

Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering, confirmed that all of the pins are on the property, and a survey will not be necessary. The Sorcans and Cooks want to know if the City would vacate the alley. Fallstrom said if the City decides to vacate the alley they should consider future plans for the area. The City should also keep a utility easement on the property.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich said it has been common practice for the City to have a right of way, but the owners still use the property for gardens, etc.

Director Wiskow said it could be converted to an easement so that no one would build on the property, and utilities would still be accessible.

Fallstrom said there would some cost (around \$500 to \$600) involved to vacate the alley with a utility easement. Polly Sorcan asked if the City would pay for the vacation of the alley. Sorcan was advised, by the Council, that the property owner would be responsible for the fee to vacate they alley. The Sorcans and Cook would have paid for the surveying; however, the pins were still in place so no expenses were incurred.

The property owners (Polly Sorcan and Myron and Janet Cook) decided they did not wish to vacate the alley.

6. Discuss proposals received for City Hall Auditorium architectural services

Public Works Director Wiskow gave a memo for the Council to review. These proposals will be discussed at the Special Meeting to be held on August 13th.

7. Discuss

Director Wiskow distributed a memo which explained the request from Ice Edge Hockey in Hoyt Lakes, Minnesota to use the Hippodrome for playoff games on August 16, 17, 18, 2013. The City had planned to shut down the ice plant on August 9th. Wiskow estimated the average cost to run electricity for the plant at \$135 per day plus wages for City workers. To date Wiskow has not heard back from the Ice Edge Hockey program.

8. Agenda Q & A

The following item was removed from the Agenda:

J4. Consider Accepting Proposal for City Auditorium architectural services