

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Workshop**  
**September 1, 2015**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN**  
**6:15 p.m.**

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

Also present: City Clerk Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; City Attorney Bonnie Thayer; Chief of Police Timothy Koivunen; Director of Public Works Michael Wiskow; Rodney Flannigan, Benchmark Engineering; Matt Sipola and Boyd Carlblom, Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority; Bill Aho

**1. Matt Sipola, Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority, request for allotment increase for 2016**

Matt Sipola and Boyd Carlblom, Eveleth-Virginia Airport Authority, were present for the workshop meeting. Sipola gave an update on the reconstruction of the runways. He informed the Council that the airport received a Merit Award from the MN Department of Transportation for the runways. The recent acquisition (by donation) of Sky Harbor Sea Plane Base on Ely Lake has added additional expenses. The Authority is requesting an annual increase of \$3,000 from each entity. The City of Eveleth currently pays \$9,000 (increase of \$3,000 would total \$12,000). The Council is in favor of the increase.

Carlblom reported that the Eveleth-Virginia Airport is on the high end for leasing hangers. The current annual revenue from the 25 hanger rentals is around \$10,000.

Discussion took place on requesting funding from the IRRRB for a new hanger at the airport.

Discussion took place on allowing the airport to use the City's 1961 snow blower (which would also be stored at the airport).

**2. Discuss selection of a hiring committee for filling the Assistant Public Works Director position**

The following will serve as the hiring committee for filling the Assistant Public Works Director position: Mayor Vlasisavljevich, Councilor Lillis, Mike Wiskow, Jerry Rosati (Councilor Hadrava will serve as backup for Councilor Lillis.)

**3. 2016 Budget & Preliminary Levy**

The Council discussed setting the preliminary levy at 6.50% over the 2015 levy.

**4. Discuss West Eveleth Lots**

City Clerk/Administrator Monahan-Junek distributed information showing how the West Eveleth lot prices have changed over the years. The Council discussed setting all lots at \$5,000.

**5. Discuss Carter Circle Lots**

City Clerk/Administrator Monahan-Junek distributed information on Carter Circle Lots for the Council to review.

**6. Agenda Q&A**

Added to the Agenda:

J8. Resolution of Support for the PolyMet Mining Project for Local Governments