

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Workshop**  
**September 4, 2012**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN**  
**6:00 p.m.**

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

**1. Snow dump/dog park development**

Consultant Dave Salene announced that Dollar General is interested in the snow dump/dog park location. Dollar General is a neighborhood retail that looks for areas to develop where they can be entrenched in the community. Alice Location was explored, but would not work due to the space needs and the City's access rights. Salene asked if the City would consider remaking that property into a retail area. General Dollar has looked at other surrounding cities such as Chisholm, Virginia, and Duluth. They would like to develop in several communities.

**2. Project Updates – David Salene**

Dave Salene updated the Council on the following projects:

Eveleth Health Services Park: The nursing home continues to be profitable. Salene is working with Elder Care for a feasibility study on assisted living. Councilor Hadrava said the boilers need to be addressed.

Section 8 Housing: Salene said all of the tax information was received by City Assessor Robert Kivela.

Aqua Power: They are working with Benchmark Engineering to address some issues.

Councilor Peterson asked if the potential expansion of Range Mental Health would interfere with an assisted living facility. Salene said it would not be affected as assisted living would likely be a separate unit.

**3. Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering, to present updates Streets-Capital Improvement Plan**

Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering, distributed a detailed Capital Improvement Plan for the Council to review. The conditions will need to be assessed before planning which streets to take on as priority improvements.

**4. Discuss proposed water, sanitary sewer, and refuse rate revision**

Mayor Vlasisavljevich would like to wait until the levy is set to discuss the rate increases. Councilor Peterson urged the Council to address this at the first meeting in November. Monahan-Junek will continue to work on a collection process for delinquent utilities. Councilor Koivunen voiced his concern with delinquent accounts.

#### **5. West Eveleth Lots**

City Clerk/Administrator Monahan-Junek said that Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering, has reviewed the lot recently sold to Mark Knutson for \$5,000. The lot was originally priced at \$20,000 and later reduced to \$10,000. The Council accepted an offer of \$5,000 made by Knutson. After purchase of the lot, Knutson had the lot surveyed and realized the lot was smaller than listed. Fallstrom confirmed that there is a difference of 800 square feet. The other three lots still on the market will also be adjusted to reflect the change in square feet.

#### **6. 2013 Budget and Levy; discuss projects for consideration of FY13 IRRRB Grant Programs**

Monahan-Junek said she needs to certify the proposed levy by Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. The Council concurred on a six percent increase to the levy. A Special Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. to further discuss the levy and 2013 budget.

The Council discussed holding another informational meeting at the hockey hall of fame.

#### **7. Review plans for Northside Park skating shack**

Public Works Director Mike Wiskow presented the architect's plans for the proposed Northside Park Skating Shack. The Council will authorize Wiskow to call for construction quotations.

#### **8. Council Updates**

Monahan-Junek gave an update on the hockey stick plaza.

#### **9. Westside Civic League**

Mayor Vlasisavljevich referred to a letter from the Eveleth Westside Civic League. The primary goal of the Civic League is to improve playground equipment and park safety.

#### **10. Agenda Q&A**