

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Workshop
6:15 p.m., September 16, 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; City Attorney Bonnie Thayer; Chief of Police Timothy Koivunen; Director of Public Works Michael Wiskow; Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering

1. Discuss Northside Park hockey rink dasher board problems

Director Wiskow recapped the letter received from Athletica Sport Systems. Wiskow will work with the city attorney to commence litigation. Discussed sending out letters to other cities telling them that Eveleth has had bad luck with the boards. Council is in agreement for the city attorney to pursue litigation.

2. Discuss sewer system at the Eveleth Municipal Golf Course Clubhouse

Director Wiskow applied to the St. Louis County for a building permit for the golf course shack addition. The County had no record of the golf course septic system. Before the County will issue a building permit, they require that our septic system be inspected and deemed compliant. Director Wiskow hired an inspector to inspect the septic system. The inspector stated that it is not worth it for the City to pay him to inspect it. The existing concrete tank is pumped periodically. The City has no drawings for the system. The City has three options: install a 2,500 gallon holding tank (2 compartments) and have John Sauer from the Bio-Solids Authority pump it; install a new tank and drain field; connect to Fayal sewer (estimated cost is \$40,000). Director Wiskow will bring some cost estimates to the next meeting. If we apply for a septic system improvement, the County will issue the building permit.

3. 2015 Budget & Levy

Council discussed at the last workshop to set the preliminary levy at 6% over the 2013 levy (plus \$4,400 for tax abatement/Aqua Power).

There will be a special meeting on September 23 at 8:00 a.m. to set the 2015 preliminary levy.

Director Wiskow reported that the Truck #7 rear load garbage packer is in poor condition due to corrosion. Director Wiskow is looking into a replacement packer and will bring quotes to the next meeting.

The October 7 regular city council meeting is going to be moved to October 9 at 7:00 p.m.

The HVAC work at the Auditorium is not yet complete and light fixtures have not yet been delivered.

Councilor Hadrava reported that the tree in front of the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame Museum have been removed.

4. Agenda Q&A

Wiskow reviewed the memo from the Minnesota Environmental Science and Economic Review Board. This Board is asking that communities step-up and speak out against lower phosphorus standard.