

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Workshop
September 17, 2013
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN
5:45 p.m.

Present: Mayor Vlasisavljevich, Councilor Koivunen, Councilor Peterson, Councilor Lillis, Councilor Hadrava (arrived by 6:35 p.m.)

Also present: City Clerk Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt; Chief of Police Tim Koivunen; Director of Public Works Michael Wiskow; Eric Fallstrom, Benchmark Engineering

1. Discuss 2014 Street Overlay Project

Eric Fallstrom and Mike Wiskow gave a presentation on City streets in need of repair. Fallstrom distributed a map showing a surface survey condition of the Streets. Director Wiskow shared a memo which detailed the street condition survey.

Wiskow pointed out that according to the City's Special Assessment Policy, the City would be allowed to assess 40% of the cost to property owners.

Councilor Koivunen said he is not in favor of charging the citizens with overlaying costs. Councilor Peterson suggested the City set up a plan for choosing streets that need repair. Mayor agreed that a five year plan with streets designated each year would be a good idea.

Director Wiskow said that if the Council makes a decision by the first meeting in October, Benchmark could begin the fieldwork.

Discussion took place on Garfield Street. Wiskow said Garfield will be very expensive as it needs to be totally reconstructed.

Councilor Lillis asked about the cost for overlaying an alley. Fallstrom said that overlays on alleys are tough due to drainage issues. Most alleys will need at least a mill and overlay with some needing a complete reconstruct.

2. Discuss submitting grant requests to the Eveleth Foundation

In his memorandum to the Council dated September 13, 2013, Director Wiskow referred to the Eveleth Foundation Grant Program which ranges from \$250 to \$1,000.

Angela Aaseng, Eveleth Parks Commission, said she would like to get some benches for the inside of the skating shack at the Northside Park. Aaseng said she wants to seek donations, personally, not on behalf of the Parks Commission. The East Range Development

Achievement Center (DAC) will give a quotation to the City for benches. Aaseng would like to seek donations to match the grant. The grant application is due October 1st.

3. Discuss allowing seasonal campers at Veterans Park to store campers during the off-season

Director Wiskow updated the Council on a request from some of the seasonal campers at the Veterans Park to store their camper/RV at the Lake Park during the off season. Wiskow has discussed this option with City Attorney Brunfelt who suggested the following:

- Charge a fee for storage of the camper/RV
- Lock in the seasonal camper for the following year
- Require the seasonal camper to sign a document accepting liability for the camper and any potential damages, and hold the City of Eveleth harmless for the property

Councilor Lillis said he is in favor as long as the campers sign the appropriate paperwork and pay the fee. City Attorney Brunfelt will work on an agreement for interested campers.

4. Visitor – Bradley Peterson, Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities

Bradley Peterson, Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities, gave an update on the latest information regarding LGA. Monahan-Junek was presented with an award for organizing a meeting with local legislators.

5. Discuss publishing quotes

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek said the City Charter is specific about publishing the minutes and the claims. The Council could change the Charter by ordinance or vote so that the City does not have to publish the minutes in the newspaper.

Monahan-Junek will send a sample of the City's minutes for publishing to both Hometown Focus and Mesabi Daily News to get a more specific quote. The Council will make a decision at the next Council Meeting.

6. Discuss submitting grant request(s) to the St. Louis County Community Development Block Grant Program

Director Wiskow prepared a memorandum for the Council which defined the eligible areas for the CDBG grant as follows: Housing, Physical Improvements, Economic Development and Public Service. The City cannot assess if CDBG funds are awarded for street improvements.

Monahan-Junek said the CDBG Board is recruiting a citizen from Eveleth to serve on its advisory board. If anyone is interested, she will direct them to the application.

7. Discuss date for budget workshop

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek will select a date and send out notices.

8. Agenda Q&A