

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Workshop**  
**September 20, 2016**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN**  
**6:30 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 Doug Gregor; Chief of Police Tim Koivunen; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Rodney Flannigan, Benchmark Engineering

**1. Discuss submitting grant request(s) to the St. Louis Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program**

Director Rosati discussed some potential projects to consider when submitting the grant request for the CDBG Program to include restoration of the 750,000 gallon water tower. Rosati reminded the Council that the City cannot assess for projects covered under a CDBG grant.

**2. Discuss easement to Minnesota Power for underground transmission lines**

City Attorney Gregor will draft an easement agreement for Minnesota Power to extend their underground transmission lines onto City land.

**3. Discuss Veteran's Park campground managers contract for 2017-18-19**

Director Rosati informed the Council that the Park Commission has been discussing a potential three year renewal contract with the campground managers. The managers have requested a 2% raise, and for the City to extend their phone payments from March through September.

Rosati presented a request from the managers that the City purchase their camper at the end of the three years for \$35,000. Councilor Lillis said the next person should start with a clean slate. The Council will leave this request up for discussion.

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek distributed the resolution adopting the tax for 2017. The Council has set a preliminary levy of 8%. The Council will set up a Public Hearing to discuss the 2017 budget on December 6, 2016.

The Council discussed increasing the utility rates. It is estimated that the increase would be \$18 to \$20 for an average customer utilizing 5,000 gallons/month. Rosati suggested increasing the water price rates for contractors. The Council would like to increase the rates to \$8.00/1000 gallons for contractors.