

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Workshop
November 8, 2012
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

After City Council Meeting

Councilor Beth Peterson, Present
Councilor Brad Hadrava, Absent
Councilor Brian Hoag, Absent
Councilor Joseph Koivunen, Present
Mayor Robert Vlasisavljevich, Present

The City Council held its Workshop Meeting after the regular Council Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

1. Utility Collections Policy - Councilors Peterson & Koivunen

Attorney Bill Maxwell, Legal Aide, was in attendance by request of Councilor Peterson. Peterson said one of the issues that the City has been dealing with is that landlords include utilities in the rent. The tenants pay the rent, but the landlords do not pay for the utilities.

Councilor Koivunen suggested the City lock the landlords in by making them pay a deposit.

Maxwell said that by Minnesota Statute, the tenant could pay utilities directly to the City instead of paying their rent. The tenant is also entitled to a copy of the landlord's bill.

Bill Aho, EDA member, suggested the City establish an ordinance in which the landlord would deposit twice the amount of the highest bill for a deposit.

Chief of Police Koivunen suggested the City track landlords, and that they be required by ordinance to attend training provided by the City.

City Clerk/Administrator Monahan-Junek said she has been looking into the International Property Maintenance Code. She will continue to research the code along with Chief Koivunen. Maxwell requested a copy of the code.

Maxwell said that Legal Aide would be willing to put something together, at no charge to the City, to help educate tenants on their rental rights.

2. Anticipated Retirement of City Assessor

City Assessor Robert Kivela will be retiring. The Council will meet with David Sipola, St. Louis County Assessor, on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 to discuss options for the County to continue with the assessing.

3. City Hall Misc.

City Clerk/Administrator Monahan Junek discussed improvements at City Hall to include:

- New carpet in the City Clerk/Deputy Clerk's office
- Replace slop sink
- New freshwater sink in City Hall
- Repair leak in the roof over the Police Department
- Replace DVD monitor for outside surveillance camera
- Upgrade the former EDA office into a Council Office

Councilor Peterson suggested the City Hall provide Wi-Fi access for Council members.

4. City Auditorium – Councilor Hoag

Not discussed.

5. Trail from Mesabi Station to Super 8 – Councilor Hadrava

Not discussed.

6. Eveleth Health Services Park Business Inquiry

City Clerk/Administrator Monahan-Junek revealed conversations with two physicians about using the space vacated by the dialysis unit. She will continue discussions with the physicians who are interested in offering home health care and occupational therapy.

7. Council Updates

Councilor Peterson asked about Dollar General. Monahan-Junek said she has tried to contact them, but they have not followed up.

8. Agenda Q&A

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.