

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Workshop**  
**November 17, 2015**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN**  
**6:15 p.m.**

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

Also present: City Clerk Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; City Attorney Bonnie Thayer; Chief of Police Timothy Koivunen; Director of Public Works Mike Wiskow; Director of Public Works Jerry Rosati; Rodney Flannigan, Benchmark Engineering

Also present: Bill Aho

**1. Discuss Introduction and First Reading of an ordinance Amending Eveleth City Code, Chapter 11 Land Use Regulation (Zoning)**

Zoning Administrator Tony Jeffries explained the proposed changes to Chapter 11 of the zoning code. The proposed ordinance would allow garages to be constructed on a piece of residential property. The current Code does not allow a garage only to be constructed. The ordinance would also allow more leniency in the setback requirements for attached decks; and allow for property owners to operate home occupations from a detached building on their property.

**2. Discuss proposed Stop Sign Retroreflectivity policy**

Director Wiskow explained the notification from the Federal Highway Administration which will require the City to utilize their recommended management systems for stop sign retroreflectivity. Wiskow has proposed the City use the Expected Sign Life Method which would require the City to replace stop signs (and yield signs) before the end of their life expectancy. The City has an inventory of 54 signs.

**3. Discuss proposed letter of intent and lease with Kiewit**

City Clerk Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek distributed a letter (dated November 16, 2015) drafted by Consultant Dave Salene to Rob Ramer of Kiewit Infrastructure West. Co. regarding lease of the Building at 1250 Industrial Park Drive, Eveleth. The City would lease to Kiewit and MnDOT will write a supplemental lease to Kiewit.

One condition from Kiewit for the lease, is that Greg Stevens (who is operating a wood cutting business on the property) would need to relocate. Kiewit would plan to use that portion of the property for storage.

It was suggested that Stevens could relocate to the Alice Location (former Economy Ready Mix area). The general consensus of the Council is to work with Stevens to relocate. City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek will work with Stevens to move by the middle of December.

#### **4. Update on Lundgren's potential relocation to VEEDA owned property**

Councilor Lillis voiced that Lundgren's has been a valuable asset to the City. Lillis said it would be hard to make a recommendation advising that Lundgren's should move to another City (even if it is just across the highway).

Councilor Hadrava agreed with Lillis. Hadrava said he would like to help Lundgren's, but does not want to lose them. He would like to help them in Eveleth, and not help them to move away.

#### **5. Funding for the auditorium – Councilor Hoag**

Councilor Hoag suggested the City consider using a round up option on the City's utility bills to generate donations towards the Auditorium Building. Hoag referred to Lake County Power which allows customers to round up their bill to the next whole dollar amount and use the funds for scholarships.

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek said she does not believe the City's billing software is capable of separating the funds to distribute it towards the correct place. This would also be questionable since the City is not allowed to solicit donations.

#### **6. Proposed Prohibiting Long Guns at Work Policy**

Councilor Lillis stated that he does not have a problem with either the long guns at work policy change or the tobacco-free vehicles and equipment policy. City Attorney Thayer said the long guns policy change would involve repealing the current policy prohibiting firearms at work, and adopting a new policy. Lillis clarified that the policy would allow employees to possess long guns in their vehicles (locked up) at work. Monahan-Junek will add these two policies to the next Council Agenda.

#### **7. Proposed Tobacco-Free Vehicles and Equipment Policy**

Discussed above.

#### **8. 2016 Budget & Levy Update**

The Council will start the next meeting early to discuss the budget and levy.

#### **9. Agenda Q&A**