

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Workshop
November 20, 2012
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN
6:00 p.m.

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

Also present: City Clerk/Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; Chief of Police Timothy Koivunen; Director of Public Works Michael Wiskow; Consultant Dave Salene, Audience Member Scott Wudinich

1. Proposed Assisted Living at EHSP

Consultant Dave Salene presented options for the proposed assisted living at Eveleth Health Services Park. Councilor Peterson expressed her concerns using green space. Councilor Hadrava suggested a community meeting be held for input.

Salene said the project would cost around 1.1 million with the City entering into a \$900,000 general obligation debt. The concept would be for Elder Care to take over the building, and running both the nursing home and the assisted living facility.

Hadrava asked about adding a second story to the existing hospital. Salene said the hospital is not structurally built to hold a second story.

Jessica Raad, Elder Care, and Mark Wiirtanen, ARI, will be invited to attend the next workshop meeting.

2. Discuss Utility Rate Adjustments

Discussion took place on raising the utility rates. The council would like something simply written to explain to the public how and why the city needs to raise the rates.

Director Wiskow said there is an option to get everyone their own dumpster, but the last estimate was \$60,000.

3. Discuss \$100 penalty for roof/foundation compliance

Director Wiskow informed the Council that the property owner (Eric Porkkonen) of 802 Douglas Avenue and 521 Adams has not complied with the roof foundation ordinance and will be assessed a \$100 per month penalty until he is in compliance.

4. City Auditorium – Councilor Hoag

Councilor Hoag would like to work on setting up a donation fund for the City Auditorium. Hoag also mentioned an idea to rent tables at the auditorium for people to use during the City wide rummage sale. Wiskow said the building needs to be in compliance with safety codes before the public can enter.

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

Councilor Hadrava asked to the Council to seek out support from the Joint Trail Board in trying to extend the Trail from Mesabi Station to the Super 8. Hadrava would like the entryway into the trail area to be next to the Super 8. Hadrava asked that City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek write the Board a letter asking them to assist the City.

6. 2013 Budget & Levy

The Truth and Taxation Meeting to discuss the budget and levy will be held on November 27, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hockey Hall of Fame Museum.

The December 4, 2012 Council Workshop Agenda will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Councilor Hadrava would like to add the downtown Christmas decorations to the workshop agenda.

7. Facilities Review

The Eveleth Public Library will celebrate its 100th year next year.

8. Council Updates

Councilor Peterson reported that she meet with Virginia Council Members concerning VEEDA. Dave Salene was also in attendance. The City pays around \$80,000 a year for the operation of VEEDA.

9. Agenda Q&A

Scott Wudinich asked if he could make a presentation to the Council. He was not on the Agenda so he would have to address the Council under visitor presentations at the regular meeting or ask to speak at the next workshop agenda. Mr. Wudinich talked with City Attorney Brunfelt and then declined to address the Council.