

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Workshop Meeting
9:00 a.m., January 12, 2023
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

Councilor Jim Perpich, Present
Councilor John Rauzi, Absent
Councilor Brian Lillis, Present
Councilor Joseph Koivunen, Present
Mayor Robert Vlasisavljevich, Present

Also present: Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Police Chief Jesse Linde; Benchmark Engineer, Alan Johnson

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Hiring City employees

Mayor Vlasisavljevich discussed potentially contracting with an outside firm to help with employee recruitment. The Council would be interested in a presentation from a firm.

2. Commissions/Boards/Liaisons

The Council discussed Council Committees and liaisons to City boards and commissions.

3. Inventory city buildings

Mayor Vlasisavljevich suggested the Council Members and Police Department take note of vacant buildings for further discussion.

4. City Hall roof

Discussion took place on the need for repairs to the roof at City Hall. The City will need to bring in a structural engineer to determine what can be done with the roof replacement. Councilor Lillis expressed his concerns with employees being exposed to mold due to the leaks in the roof. Public Works Director Rosati will look into mold abatement. Councilor Koivunen would like staff to check with the City's insurance adjuster to see if repairs to the roof would be covered by the City's insurance.

5. Discuss EV charging station

Public Works Director Rosati indicated that Minnesota Power would like to install a charging station near the Hockey Hall of Fame Museum for electric cars. Minnesota Power is looking for locations where people can plug a car in for about half hour. They could walk to local

restaurants while their vehicle is charging. There would be no cost to the City. This item will be brought to a future Council Meeting for approval.

6. Discuss MDH service line inventory

The Minnesota Department of Health is requiring cities that provide a list of all water lines (whether owned by the city or private lines) by October 2024. The list must indicate whether the lines are copper or lead. The City will need to hire a firm to go into private basements to look at each line. Benchmark Engineering will give the City an estimate of the cost for inspecting the lines.

7. Update WWTP belt press

Public Works Director Rosati updated the Council on the WWTP belt press. St. Louis County is in the process of buying an expensive belt press to be used by the Quad Cities in exchange for some land near the County land fill. The cities may need to appoint a fiscal agent to accept funds on behalf of the County to finalize the purchase.

8. City land - misc.

Discussion took place on an offer from Chaz Denny to purchase a small parcel. The Council expressed their concerns with the potential of trailers, vehicles, etc. being stored on the property.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.