

MINUTES

Eveleth City Council Workshop Meeting 9:00 a.m., February 3, 2023 Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

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

Also present: City Clerk Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Police Chief Jesse Linde; Benchmark Engineering, Alan Johnson

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

1. Commissions/Boards/Liaisons

The Council will be eliminating the Library Board which served as an advisory board. Those former members interested in continuing to be involved with the Library would have the option to join Friends of the Library.

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek will contact the Gilbert City Administrator to discuss the Joint ATV Board.

The Joint Recreation Board has been dissolved.

The Council will be adding a City Lands Committee to assist City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek in establishing a list of vacant City owned lands and prices for the land. Mayor Vlasisavljevich and Councilor Lillis will serve on this committee.

2. West Eveleth force main project

Public Works Director Rosati advised that if the City waits until 2024 to replace the main sanitary sewer in West Eveleth, there is a possibility of some funding available through Army Corp of Engineers. Alan Johnson said Benchmark Engineering is quite far with the plans, but these can be put on the back burner. Johnson suggested looking at the requirements as there may be some conditions to be met as it is a federal grant.

3. Hat Trick Avenue slip ramp

Public Works Director Rosati submitted a grant to the IRRRB for several projects. The City was awarded \$350,000. The IRRRB would like the City to use all of the funds towards the slip ramp. Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering, offered a proposed concept to make some changes to the MnDOT slip ramp concept plan. City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek will contact Duane Hill of MnDot and Jim Foldesi, S. Louis County Public Works Director, to see if they are available to meet with the Council next Tuesday.

4. Lead & copper proposal

Benchmark Engineering has offered a proposal for the lead pipe inventory (required by the EPA) to be complete by October 2024. There are approximately 2,400 residential services and 150 commercial services in the City. Benchmark is proposing the inspections be split up into two phases over an 18-month period. The total estimated cost for the project would be \$145,700. Public Works Director Rosati suggested the Council consider installing automated meters at the same time of the pipe inspections. There would be an additional cost for installing the meters.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich questioned whether or not there will be funding provided to the cities incurred by the requirement. Funding sources are unknown at this time.

5. Fayal Pond walking trail

Director Rosati asked for Council permission to seek a grant from IRRRB to reconstruct the remaining areas of Fayal Pond. The west side of the pond will be done this spring as budgeted. Rosati will be bringing a resolution to the next Council Meeting for approval to submit a grant application for the remainder of the project.

6. Inventory city buildings

The Council would like to establish a list of privately owned buildings which are in violation of City ordinances. Many buildings throughout town are not up to standard.

7. Bonding Project Update

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek distributed a list and cost estimate of projects on the 2020 Bonding Bill. The roof repair at City Hall will be added at an estimated cost of \$75,000.

The meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.