

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Workshop
4:45 p.m., February 18, 2020
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

Councilor John Rauzi, Present
Councilor Brad Hadrava, Absent
Councilor Brian Lillis, Present
Councilor Joseph Koivunen, Present
Mayor Robert Vlaisavljevich, Present

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

Mayor Vlaisavljevich called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

1. Discuss 2020 Garfield Street & Utility Improvements Project

The Council discussed assessment options for the 2020 Garfield Street & Utility Improvements Project. Public Works Director Rosati explained the funding available for the 1.4 to 1.5 million dollar project to include:

\$210,000 – IRRRB grant
\$100,000 – CDBG grant (400 Block of Garfield)
\$438,000 PFA low interest loans

If the City were to apply the \$100,000 CDBG grant towards the 400 Block of Garfield Street, that portion of the project cannot be assessed. City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek and Public Works Director Rosati will report back to the Council with additional options for assessing the project.

2. Discuss Veterans Park shoreline restoration project

Public Works Director Rosati discussed a potential project opportunity for the City to team up with the State. The State's water conservation engineers will design a plan to restore the shoreline at the Eveleth Ely Lake Veterans Park. The City would be responsible for 5 percent of the \$20,000 project plan. The engineers would advise the contractors of the City's desire for a fishing pier at the site.

3. Change in Fire Committee Shared Services

Councilor Lillis informed the Council that at the most recent subcommittee meeting they were informed that the City of Gilbert will be dropping out of the whole process. Since the

City of Gilbert will not be participating any further, the hope is to consider a full merger of the Eveleth and Fayal Fire Departments as opposed to a partial merge. There would be a clause built in to allow for future fire departments to potentially join (if Gilbert decides to merge) at a later date. The Council will go on record tonight and bring forth a new resolution at a future Council Meeting to merge the fire departments.