

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Workshop Meeting
9:00 a.m., February 23, 2021
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

Councilor John Rauzi, Present
Councilor Brian Lillis, Present
Councilor Joseph Koivunen, Present (via phone)
Mayor Robert Vlasisavljevich, Present

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

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

1. City Council vacancy

Mayor Vlasisavljevich discussed the vacant council seat due to the resignation of Brad Hadrava. Vlasisavljevich recommended appointing Jim Perpich to fill the vacancy. Perpich has served on the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Fire Commission so he has experience with City government. The Council is in favor of appointing Perpich to serve the remainder of Hadrava's term. This item will be added to the March 2, 2021 City Council agenda with an expected term effective date of March 16, 2021.

2. City travel policy

The current travel policy allows reimbursement to employees for meals as follows:

Breakfast: \$7.00
Lunch: \$10.00
Supper: \$15.00

The Council is in favor of the following increase:

Breakfast: \$20.00
Lunch: \$25.00
Supper: \$30.00

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek will revise the travel policy and bring it to the Council for approval.

3. Fire consolidation

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek read a memo stating that earlier this month she was scheduled to attend a Rock Ridge School Board Meeting via zoom. The School Board Meeting and the Fire Shared Services Meeting were scheduled at the same time so she was unable to attend the Fire Shared Services Meeting. Monahan-Junek indicated she informed Fayal Town Clerk Heidi Coldagelli and Councilors Lillis and Rauzi that she would be unable to attend due to the conflict. It was brought to Monahan-Junek's attention that Fayal Firefighter Matt Hoffman made disparaging remarks about her.

Councilor Rauzi said it would behoove the Council to review the taped meeting. Rauzi said that Hoffman is not helping and the constant attacks on Monahan-Junek need to cease. Mayor Vlasisavljevich suggested a letter be sent from the Eveleth City Council to Hoffman demanding this type of conduct stop.

Monahan-Junek said that this type of bullying from Hoffman is not the first time. She will continue to work on her assignments for the Fire Shared Services Committee, but will not be attending future meetings if this harassment continues by Hoffman. The Council is in favor of sending a letter to Fayal Township asking for their assistance with Hoffman. This will be on the next Council Agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.