

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Workshop Meeting
4:40 p.m., March 2, 2021
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

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; Police Chief Tim Koivunen, Public Works Director Jerry Rosati

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m.

1. Keith Harvey, CFO, Scenic Rivers Health Services

Keith Harvey, CFO of Scenic Rivers Health Services, said he has been communicating with City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek about the possibility of setting up a COVID vaccination clinic at the City's clinic building (formerly operated by Dr. Draper). Scenic Rivers Health Services has clinics set up in Cook, Big Fork, Tower, Floodwood, Northome and Big Falls. The clinics have been extremely busy with COVID testing and now vaccinations. Their clinics have access to the coronavirus vaccination and would like to expand into Eveleth to help get people on the Iron Range vaccinated. Vaccinations would be administered to individuals 65 years and older until the State recommendation is changed. Harvey estimated the Eveleth clinic would be able to handle around 100 vaccinations per day; 500 per week. Harvey said they would hope to get set up in Eveleth fairly quickly with a tentative date of March 18th to begin providing immunizations. City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek will work on a temporary access agreement with Scenic Health Services. This item will be added to the agenda.

Councilor Koivunen said he would like Scenic Rivers to come into the clinic to stay. Harvey explained that he some serious discussions with Monahan-Junek about leasing the clinic space prior to the COVID pandemic. Harvey said they were looking at a primary care clinic which would be a great service the Eveleth community. They would be able to acquire some federal funding. Mayor Vlasisavljevich said he would like to see a medical presence in the community.