

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Workshop**  
**1:00 p.m., May 6, 2019**  
**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; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Police Chief Tim Koivunen

**1. Discuss: Adams lift station generator, sand truck chassis, Highway 53 light pole repainting, Public Works employee shortage**

Public Works Director Rosati indicated that the Adams lift generator is putting out too many volts when it runs. The estimate is about \$40,000 for a new generator. The current generator is obsolete and replacement parts cannot be found.

Director Rosati reported that the sand dump chassis will be around \$75,000 instead of \$65,000 as originally estimated.

Rosati informed the Council that the bids for painting the light poles also went up from the first estimate of \$12,000 to \$22,000.

**2. Update on employee hiring**

Director Rosati said the public works department has an employee shortage due to leaves. The City needs a utility crew leader, mechanic and operator maintenance worker.

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek reported that the part-time janitor operator maintenance position has been awarded points. The salary would start at \$18.00 per hour allowing six months to obtain a Class B license.

Police Chief Koivunen reported that one of the officer candidates approved for hiring has taken another position. Discussion took place on whether or not to fill that position. Chief Koivunen requested waiting until the school referendum vote on May 14<sup>th</sup> as there may be discussions by both Virginia and Eveleth to provide a school resource officer.

### **3. Update on tax forfeit properties**

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek updated the Council on some County tax forfeit properties.

### **4. Discuss parking of vehicles on vacant land**

Discussion took place on parking RVs and campers on personal property. Police Chief Koivunen said that over the past 10 years there has been an increase in campers. The City discussed the possibility of leasing land from the Cleveland Cliffs and renting out parking spaces for residents.

### **5. Discuss utility bill format**

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek talked about purchasing a new envelope stuffer for the utility bills. This would save a considerable amount of time in sending out the bills.

Councilor Lillis brought up the possibility of upgrading the Council to iPads for the Council agendas.

### **6. Discuss Hippodrome arena naming**

The suggestion of renaming the Hippodrome to the John Mayasich Arena was discussed. The Council is not in favor of renaming the Hippodrome at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.