

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Workshop Meeting**  
**9:30 a.m., June 16, 2020**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN**

Councilor John Rauzi, Present  
Councilor Brad Hadrava, Present  
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; City Attorney Mitch Brunfelt; Police Chief Tim Koivunen

Mayor Vlaisavljevich called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**1. Discuss July 3 & 4**

Councilor Koivunen said we are going to have thousands of people in Eveleth on July 3<sup>rd</sup> due to the fireworks and only seven or eight police officers on duty. He suggested putting up barricades a few hours prior to the fireworks. Attorney Brunfelt reminded the Council that the City will not be covered by insurance if found to be in violation of the Governor's Order. Councilor Lillis suggested instead of blocking the street the City could prohibit parking in that area.

Chief Koivunen said, "We don't know what the crowd is going to do." He said the streets could be flooded and there will be no way for the police department to handle the situation. He would like to have temporary barricades (set up and ready) next to the buildings in the event they are needed to maintain public safety.

Discussion took place on shutting the lights off on the main street during the fireworks. Attorney Brunfelt advised that the City would be promoting a gathering by shutting off the main street lights. Brunfelt said if you violate the insurance policy the City's general fund could be at risk.

If the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee is able to get an insurance policy which would hold the City harmless, the City would be able to block off the streets for the fireworks.

**2. Discuss tax forfeit property**

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek discussed the forfeited property at 1290 Industrial Park Drive. Monahan-Junek said the County Administrator needs to get an opinion from

their attorney regarding the County's authority to require the prior owner negotiate a deal with the City.

**3. Discuss city owned lots**

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek will be providing the Council with a map of West Eveleth for further discussion at a future meeting. The Council will determine if they would like to sell some of these lots to property owners in the near vicinity for garages, etc.

**4. Discuss fee for seasonal RV/boat storage**

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek asked the Council how much they would like to charge for seasonal RV/boat storage on the land leased from the Cleveland Cliffs Mining Company. The Council is considering a \$200 annual fee from spring to fall. This item will be discussed at the July 7<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.

**5. Discuss CARES ACT grant through CDBG**

The Council is not interested in pursuing this.

**6. Discuss IRRRB Taconite Area Community Relief Grant Program**

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek will be contacting Whitney Ridlon to get further clarification on the process.

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.