

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Workshop Meeting
July 20, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

Councilor John Rauzi, Present
Councilor Brad Hadrava, Present
Councilor Brian Lillis, Absent
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

1. Workshop July 22

The Eveleth and Virginia City Councils will hold a joint meeting at the Eveleth Auditorium on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. to discuss the Eveleth-Virginia Airport. Consultant Dave Salene will facilitate the meeting. The Airport Board has been invited to attend.

2. EDA COVID grants

The COVID grant subcommittee, Councilors John Rauzi and Brian Lillis, have met to authorize grants. The City has been reaching out to local businesses to get them to apply. The deadline has been extended to the beginning of August.

3. IRRRB COVID grant application

City Clerk Administrator informed the Council of the IRRRB COVID program. The City can apply for up to \$400,000 to create a forgivable loan program for businesses which would also include new businesses and business extensions.

4. MN Coronavirus Relief Fund

City Clerk Administrator indicated the City may be able to purchase new radios for the police, fire and ambulance with this relief fund. The paperwork has been submitted to the state.

5. Refuse Rates

Public Works Director Jerry Rosati informed the Council that the County landfill fees have increased by \$10.00/ton. The County fees will increase the City's landfill expenses by

around \$20,000. The individual County fee, which is billed directly to each property owner, was also increased and will be reflected on the residential utility bills. Fees are determined by the estimated market value of each property. Director Rosati will have more information at the next meeting. The Council will consider raising refuse rates.

6. Discuss Tax Forfeit Property

City Clerk Administrator met with St. Louis County Commissioner Keith Nelson to discuss the tax forfeit property at 1290 Industrial Park, Eveleth. The County has a good plan set in place on how to make the property owner become compliant, and has requested the City wait until the end of the year for everything to be sorted out. The County will include in their resolution that the City gets reimbursed \$16,282.04 for its costs incurred because of the chromium spill.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.