

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Workshop Meeting
8:30 a.m., July 21, 2022
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

Councilor Jim Perpich, Present
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 Jesse Linde, Public Works Director Jerry Rosati

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

1. Discuss Bio-Solids agreement with St. Louis County

Public Works Director Jerry Rosati indicated the Tri-Cities Biosolids Authority is working with St. Louis County to get a belt press which would save on licenses and land. St. Louis County needs the land and would like to set up a 10-year agreement. Funding would be through the County (\$920,000), grant money from IRRRB (\$360,000) and a contribution from each city involved in the amount of \$15,000.

2. Discuss pilot testing for phos & mercury

Director Rosati reported that the pilot testing will begin on August 1st. The City will run sludge through pilot testing to determine which chemicals may or may not work to meet the limits set by MPCA. This is the first step of the model testing at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

3. Discuss department head spending limit

Director Rosati asked the Council to consider increasing the department head spending limit from \$5,000 to \$10,000. This would allow department heads to authorize purchases below \$10,000. Anything over \$10,000 would require Council approval.

4. Discuss paying youth hockey to schedule practice & game ice at the Hipp

Director Rosati reported that youth hockey has hired someone to schedule all the practices and games at the Virginia ice arena. They would be willing to work with the Eveleth arena also. Director Rosati will report back to the Council to let them know the cost for this individual to also work with Eveleth.

5. Discuss telemetry options

Director Rosati reported that they have been looking at numerous telemetry options. The radio transmission seems like the best option right now. This would be available at every lift station and the water and wastewater plants. A main computer would be set up at the Water Treatment Plant. Every building would have transmission and an antenna.

6. Discuss public works equipment needs:

Director Rosati gave an update on equipment needs.

Cemetery gator – The City cannot get delivery on one this year, but would like to get on the waiting list for next year.

Golf Course Toro Workman – The City purchased one from Giants Ridge about seven years ago which is currently having problems. These are not available right now, but Rosati would like to begin looking for new or used (in good condition).

Dump Truck – Rosati indicated the City should get on the list for a new dump truck in 2023. Monahan-Junek said the current dump truck the City is paying on will be paid in full by the end of the year.

7. Set workshop date for week of July 25

The City Council will meet for a workshop meeting on July 28, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 a.m.