

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Workshop Meeting
1:00 p.m., August 8, 2022
City Hall, 413 Pierce Street, Eveleth, MN

Councilor Jim Perpich, Present
Councilor John Rauzi, Present
Councilor Brian Lillis, Present
Councilor Joseph Koivunen, Present
Mayor Robert Vlaisavljevich, Present

Also present: City Clerk Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; Deputy Police Chief Brian Ness;
Public Works Director Jerry Rosati

Mayor Vlaisavljevich called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

1. Discuss revisions to Ordinance No. 42, 2nd Series

Monahan-Junek updated the City Council on meetings she had with the personnel committee to discuss updating Mayor & City Council salaries and other scheduled council-approved meeting pay. Salaries have not been increased since January 1, 2007 and meeting pay has not been increased since January 1, 2001.

The City Council discussed increasing the Mayor's salary to \$1,000/month, increasing City Council salary to \$800/month, and increasing the meeting pay to \$50/meeting for special City Council meetings, City Council workshops, and City Council committee meetings. There would be no meeting pay for Board/Commission meetings where the Mayor & City Council are voting members.

The City Council also discussed increasing the Mayor's contingency fund to \$1,500/year. It is currently \$750/year.

The City Council also discussed having a board/commission appreciation event each year.

2. Discuss revisions to Health Insurance-Retired Elected Officials Policy

Monahan-Junek and the personnel committee also met previously to discuss the Health Insurance-Retired Elected Officials Policy (dated December 20, 1988).

The policy is quite outdated and the City Council discussed eliminating the health insurance benefit and replacing it with a retirement benefit of: \$1,800/year for each full year of elected service; a minimum of 12 full years elected service (non-consecutive) required to be eligible for the benefit; payable via payroll at the conclusion of elected service for each full year of elected service (minimum of 12 full years elected service).

3. Letter from Mesabi Community Band

The Mesabi Community Band would like to make the city auditorium their permanent home. They have been using the city auditorium for practices. They would like to use the city auditorium most Thursdays through the fall, winter, and into the spring each year. If the City Council approves their request, they believe they should have a key to the city auditorium so they don't have to run into town every week to pick up a key from city hall (and return the key).

The City Council discussed that they are receptive to the Band continuing to practice at the auditorium if their practices do not conflict with auditorium rentals for events, but cannot permit the Band to have a key to the city auditorium. The City Council requested Monahan-Junek discuss this with the Band.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.