

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Workshop Meeting
8:30 a.m., August 15, 2024
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; City Attorney Joel Lewicki; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Therese Elverum, EMS Operations Supervisor

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

1. City Policies

Councilor Rauzi discussed the following issues:

City Council Meeting time – Rauzi proposed changing the 2:00 p.m. meeting times back to 5:00 p.m. to make it more convenient for the public to attend. The Council will discuss this further at the next regular Council Meeting.

Department Heads at City Council Meetings – Rauzi would like to see all Department Heads attend a meeting once a month to give a report to the Council. Mayor Vlasisavljevich said he does not want to micromanage. Councilor Perpich suggested if there is a problem, the Department Heads would ask to be put on the Council Agenda. Discussion took place on having the Fire, Ambulance and Library give a monthly report with the Police giving an annual report to the Council.

Exit Interviews – Councilor Rauzi would like to provide the option for employees leaving to have an exit interview. This would not be required, but an option available if the employee wanted to address the personnel committee.

Commissions – Councilor Rauzi stated that the City has lost commissions over the years. He asked who took over the duties or the functions of those commissions. Does it go to the public in general? Public safety? Council? Who talks about it before it goes to the council? Rauzi gave the Library Board (which no longer meets) as an example. Rauzi served on the Board as a Council Liaison and said that those meetings were very informative—like getting a report from the Librarian. Rauzi said that sometimes the public does not feel engaged.

The Council discussed the upcoming public meeting to be held on August 27, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Auditorium. Councilor Rauzi said he wants to have participation as people in town are concerned about the direction of the Council

2. Grant Avenue/Pierce Street Arch

The Council will discuss the street arch as part of the downtown revitalization. Public Works Director Rosati said the tiles are not falling off and can wait for now.

3. Alley/No Alley – 401 Roosevelt Avenue, Housing Development

Discussion took place on whether or not to have an alley with the lots to be developed at the former Junior High School property. The Council's consensus is to have no alley with an easement for utilities.

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.