

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Workshop Meeting
9:00 a.m., September 19, 2023
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

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

Also present: Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Police Chief Jesse Linde; City Attorney Joel Lewicki

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Discuss 1404 Progress Parkway

Mayor Vlasisavljevich gave the Council an update on a recent meeting with Rock Ridge School District Superintendent Noel Schmidt regarding the 1404 Progress Parkway building.

2. Potential Liability Issues

Mayor Vlasisavljevich distributed a new opinion from the League of Minnesota Cities regarding police officers being required to carry the use of medications to reverse opioid overdoses. Police Chief Linde reported that the Eveleth Police Department has been carrying this required medication and that officers receive training from the Eveleth Ambulance on how to administer the product.

Discussion also took place on the recent legislative changes to laws regarding school resource officers. City Attorney Lewicki said these changes do not pertain to the Eveleth Police Department as Eveleth does not have a school resource officer. Lewicki said that the Eveleth police officers will remain under their normal authority and can use the same level of force allowed in their profession when responding to calls at the school.

Superintendent Noel Schmidt (in the audience) said the schools are looking for more clarification on the new laws as the laws also pertain to school staff. Schmidt said the changes were not the school's idea and were passed under their radar. There are questions that need to be answered by Minnesota State Attorney General Keith Ellison regarding use of force by school staff or school resource officers.

City Attorney Lewicki will reach out to the League of Minnesota Cities to see if they have any updates.

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.