

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Workshop
1:00 p.m., September 30, 2019
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

Councilor John Rauzi, Present
Councilor Brad Hadrava, 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; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering

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

1. Discuss Garfield Street Project

Public Works Director Rosati distributed handouts on the 2020 estimated cost for the Garfield Street reconstruction project. The assessment estimates are looking high. The Council would like to work on lowering the amounts.

Rosati distributed a list of other potential CDBG projects for the Council to consider as follows:

- Alley North of Garfield (between Douglas and Grant Avenue) Reconstruction estimated at \$551,572.14;
- Jones Street (between Douglas and Lincoln Avenue) Reconstruction estimated at \$461,161.00; and
- Pierce Street (between Grant and Adams Avenue) Reconstruction estimated at \$618,879.00.

2. Project updates

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek updated the Council on Blackwoods Concrete.

Development is ongoing for the new school. Monahan-Junek hopes there will be more updates available in the next few weeks.

Monahan-Junek met with a real estate group that works with hotels. She hopes to have a proposal back from them in the next few weeks to consider for marketing the former Days Inn site.

The agreement with the Cliffs will be seasonal for the parking spots, with an April 1 to October 31st time frame. The City will need to make up a design of how many parking spots will be available on the site.

MnDOT is still interested in building a new facility at the gravel pit. More information will be forthcoming.

Parking in Eveleth has been difficult with events in town. Tony Jeffries will be assisting Monahan-Junek in preparing a grid of potential parking spots. This may also include putting up signage around City Hall to designate those spaces for City Hall business only.

The City of Eveleth designated the *Mesabi Daily News* as the City's official newspaper for 2019 back in January. Mayor Vlasisavljevich suggested the City may want to change that designation to another newspaper. The publishing fees are higher than the *Hometown Focus*, and he had hoped the *Mesabi Daily News* would be covering the City events. However, he has not seen anyone from the *Mesabi Daily News* cover a Council Meeting all year.

3. Discuss applying for IRRRB grants

The Council discussed the following options for a possible IRRRB grant:

- Leonidas Overlook
- Garfield Street
- Alley of Douglas Avenue and Grant Avenue

The meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.