

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Workshop Meeting
1:45 p.m., October 1, 2024
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

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

Also present: City Clerk Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek (arrived at 1:55 p.m.); Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; City Attorney Joel Lewicki; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Police Chief Jesse Linde; Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m.

1. Discuss Old Highway lighting system

Public Works Director Jerry Rosati reported that MnDOT is seeking confirmation as to whether or not the City of Eveleth would like a light installed near the intersection once reconstruction of Highway 53 is complete. The City of Eveleth would own the pole. The Council is in favor of owning and installing the light.

2. Discus AMI Metering rates

Public Works Director reported that letters will be sent out from the AMI Metering contractor to Eveleth residents. City Engineer Alan Johnson indicated the contractor has agreed to make three attempts to contact residents to schedule an appointment to install the meter. After the second attempt, the contractor will contact Director Rosati. Rosati and Johnson are seeking Council direction as to what type of consequences are deemed appropriate for residents failing to comply. Johnson said they are seeking Council support to help with getting into houses to install the meter where a resident is noncompliant.

City Attorney Lewicki recommended a three-tier system or enforcing a noncompliance fee. Rosati will check to see if this issue would fall under a current utility or sump pump ordinance already in place. If an existing ordinance does not cover this issue, the Council will consider adopting a new ordinance. The last effort for noncompliance would be water service interruption.

Director Rosati said the contractors will be starting with a few test meters. They are hoping to have all the meters installed by Thanksgiving.

The workshop meeting adjourned at 1:59 p.m.