

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Workshop Meeting**  
**4:45 p.m., October 4, 2022**  
**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; Assistant Public Works Director Mark Karpen, Police Chief Jesse Linde, City Attorney Joel Lewicki, Benchmark Engineer, Alan Johnson

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called the meeting or order at 4:45 p.m.

Frank Kvaternik arrived at 4:49 p.m.

**1. Discuss negotiating committee for Facilities Use Agreement between the City of Eveleth and Independent School District No. 2909, Rock Ridge Public Schools**

Mayor Vlasisavljevich said he called this workshop meeting to discuss negotiations with the Rock Ridge School District for use of City facilities. Vlasisavljevich would like to hire Frank Kvaternik as a consultant to work on the City's behalf to negotiation a contract with the school.

Vlasisavljevich said the kids are not paying the taxes and should not be the ones deciding on where they will pay. The Eveleth residents should not be subsidizing for something not in Eveleth. Kvaternik would charge the City of Eveleth one dollar for his services. A negotiating committee would also be formed to include the Mayor or another Council Member in the Mayor's absence. Vlasisavljevich said the City of Eveleth needs a stronger stance in the negotiation process.

City Attorney Lewicki asked what type of power the negotiation committee would have. Mayor Vlasisavljevich indicated the City Council would have final approval of the committee's recommendations.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich said he is not looking for a set number of hours—just half of what Virginia receives. Vlasisavljevich would like to start negotiations now and have everything finalized by spring. He commented that the loss of hours is also a loss to the community. The VFW raises money from the concession stands at the games and donates that money back to the community. They will now take a loss in their earnings due to a reduction of games at the Hippodrome.