

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Workshop Meeting
5:00 p.m., October 12, 2021
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, Absent

Also present: City Clerk Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; Fire Chief Guy Spurlin;
Firefighter Tony Menart; Firefighter Scott Lesnau

Tony Tammaro, Rich Sather, and Pat Ziegler, Fayal Township Supervisors were in attendance.

Acting Mayor Koivunen called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. Meet with Fayal Town Board regarding fire consolidation

Tony Tammaro stated the Fayal Fire Department approached the Town Board that they want to disband fire consolidation efforts with Eveleth. Then the Fayal Fire Department sent a letter to the Town Board that was subsequently forwarded to Eveleth City Council. Fayal Fire Chief Steve Shykes provided some bullet points to Tammaro as to why the Fire Department wanted to disband fire consolidation efforts with Eveleth. Tammaro stated he quit the fire consolidation committee because of (person(s)) on the Fayal Fire Department.

Councilor Lillis stated he remains supportive of fire consolidation and “if there is hitch in the giddy up, don’t kill the horse”.

Councilor Rauzi stated that the way it came down was not right in his opinion. Problems are fixable and the losers are the public. The Eveleth City Council decides if our Fire Department consolidates and hopefully our firefighters go along or go their own way.

Pat Ziegler stated he does not want to throw it away.

Monahan-Junek stated that if there was (is) a problem Fayal has working with our Fire Department, then the chain of command should be followed – Chief Spurlin, City Administrator Monahan-Junek, City Council Public Safety Committee, City Council. No one from Fayal has contacted her about any problems between the Fire Departments.

Tammaro stated that the Fayal Town Board will discuss fire consolidation (with Eveleth) at their next Town Board meeting.

Lillis requested that the City Council affirm their support of fire consolidation (with Fayal Township) at the next City Council meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.