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Eveleth City Council Workshop Meeting
9:00 a.m., October 15, 2020
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

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

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; Police Chief Tim Koivunen, Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Jeremy Schwarze, Benchmark Engineering

1. Discuss bids for Garfield Street Improvements

Veit & Company of Rogers, Minnesota was the lowest bidder for the Garfield Street Improvements Project at \$1,585,365.50. Public Works Director Jerry Rosati informed the Council that the City has around \$325,000 in grant money available for this project that would be lost if the City does not move forward. City Clerk/Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek will report back to the Council on the City's current debt limits. The Council would like to continue to proceed with the project.

2. Discuss Carter Circle lots

City Clerk Administrator distributed a plat map of Carter Circle to the Council. The Council would like the lots marked and staked out before they determine the price for each parcel.

3. Fuel tank for city garage

Public Works Director Rosati indicated that Phil Troutwine would be able to design a fuel tank for use at the City Garage. They are looking at installing above ground tanks so they do not have to dig underground. Councilor Hadrava suggested putting a tank at the airport.

4. Hippodrome

Public Works Director Rosati reported to the Council on the upcoming shoot for the movie "Way of the Warriors" at the Eveleth Hippodrome. The director is looking to film between four and seven days sometime in November. The participants (100 to 150

people) would undergo COVID testing prior to the shoot. The City will be charging a total of \$1,000 for use of the Hippodrome.

Eveleth Youth Hockey is planning to start skating at the Hippodrome on Monday. The City has set some COVID safety procedures the participants must follow. The hockey season is also expected to extend three weeks later into March due to the late start up.

5. West Eveleth Lots

City Clerk/Administrator Monahan-Junek informed the Council that Jake Kedrowski would like to buy two lots in West Eveleth for a garage. The Council will consider selling this property to Mr. Kedrowski.

6. Proposed COVID Business forgivable loan

City Clerk/Administrator met with subcommittee Dave Salene, George Walters and Steve Raj in regard to a proposed COVID Business forgivable loan. This loan would be available to businesses opening or operating during the state's COVID shut down. The loans would provide funds for business expenses, improvements, or plans of safety and health for patrons in dealing with the Governor's executive orders. These funds are made available through the IRRRB and would be 100% forgivable if the business continues to operate in the City of Eveleth for two years beyond the date of the loan. Councilor Lillis and Rauzi will plan to serve on committee to approve these loans. Business owners would be responsible to supply tax returns and other financial documentation required for obtaining the loan.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.