

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Workshop**  
**9:30 a.m., November 15, 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 9:30 a.m.

**1. Discuss Garfield Street Project**

Public Works Director Jerry Rosati talked about the proposed assessments for the Garfield Street Project. The City will apply for grants from the IRRRB and CDBG. The City will not be able to assess for the project if CDBG funds are used.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich asked why the assessments are so high. Public Works Director Rosati explained that it comes down to the cost of the project. The assessment is based off of the property size and is priced per foot. Councilor Koivunen voiced his concern on remaining consistent in how the City assesses property owners.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich asked if the City has heard back from St. Louis County regarding their help with the project. Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering, said they are waiting to hear back from St. Louis County. The County may be able to contribute towards some of the sidewalks to make them ADA compliant.

Mayor Vlasisavljevich suggested the City look into extending the repayment term (years) for the assessments. The Council is in favor of moving forward with this project.

Alan Johnson, Benchmark Engineering, presented the Council with two options to fix a drainage issue in West Eveleth. The Council would be in favor of moving forward with option 1 which is estimated at \$9,172.00.

**2. Seasonal Storage – Cliffs Lease**

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek informed the Council that the Cliffs may be agreeable to allowing year round leasing for parking RVs, boats and campers on the land

they are leasing to the City. They were originally concerned with winter storage due to flat tires and vehicles not starting. The City would be responsible for those issues as it relates to blight. Councilor Koivunen hoped this will alleviate some of the crowding of campers and boats parked on the streets.

### **3. Parking in the city**

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek distributed maps to show the Council the proposed parking for downtown Eveleth. Discussion took place on parking at the Auditorium lot and issuing a few parking passes for renters above Snap Fitness. Councilor Lillis cautioned that permit parking can be a nightmare to enforce. He said the City needs to have staff to issue the permits and staff to enforce the parking.

### **4. City Lands**

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek informed the Council that she has received a request from a party interested in purchasing three lots in Carter Circle to build a house. Councilor Lillis asked about the covenants and said he would like to make sure the City is abiding by the rules of its own covenant—or change the covenants if necessary.

The Council also discussed the request from Karwin Marks to purchase a lot adjacent to his property in West Eveleth. There may be a covenant in place which would require him to build within five years of purchasing the property.

### **5. Project updates**

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek said the County is sending out preliminary tax statements. The Truth and Taxation Hearing is set for December 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. The Council will hold a workshop meeting the week after the hearing to discuss the final budget and levy.

Councilor Brian Lillis will replace Councilor Hadrava on the Fire Consolidation Committee. Councilor Hadrava will serve as the alternate.

The meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.