

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Workshop Meeting**  
**8:00 a.m., November 30, 2023**  
**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; Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Police Chief Jesse Linde

Acting Mayor Koivunen called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**1. 2024 discretionary expenditures**

Police Chief Linde reported that the Police Department’s K9 squad has over 180,000 miles. The cost of a new fully outfitted squad is estimated at \$80,000. The Council is in favor of moving forward with purchasing a new squad.

Public Works Director Rosati distributed list of project priorities to the Council. The following items are for consideration:

Streets

- Sidewalks \$30,000 (plus St. Louis County funding of \$15,000)
- Electric press \$10,000
- Trees/Cutting \$10,000
- Street Lights on Van Buren Ave. \$15,000

Cemetery

- Columbarium (ashes) \$35,000 to \$50,000
- Cemetery management software \$34,000

WTP/WWTP/Street

- Water Meter AMI Technology \$500,000 to \$850,000

Parks

- Fayal Pond Parking Lot \$63,534
- Electrical Pedestal (Northside) \$ 7,000

Discussion took place on informing residents of the City's need to install meters. It was suggested that a publication be sent out in the City's utility bill explaining the reason for the automated meters.

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek reported that the Fire Department is in need of a new water tank to be installed on their brush truck. The cost for a new tank is estimated at \$15,000.

Monahan-Junek said the City is looking at a new phone system and will continue meeting with CTC.

Police Chief Linde reported that the Police Department may be requesting funds to start up an internship program. Many other cities are recruiting police officers through an internship. This would allow both the intern and the department to determine if the candidate would be a good fit for Eveleth's Police Department. Purchasing body armor for interns would be part of the start-up costs.

Monahan-Junek suggested the City submit another grant application for Hat Trick Avenue. Workshop meetings were set for Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. to discuss utility rates and Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. to discuss the levy and budget.

## **2. City utility rates**

Public Works Director Rosati distributed proposed utility rates increases. The City has and will continue to incur expenses related to stipulations set by the MPCA. In order to observe those standards, the City must increase the rates to pay for coming into compliance.

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.