

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Workshop Meeting**  
**8:00 a.m., December 14, 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, Present

Also present: City Clerk Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati

Mayor Vlasisavljevich called meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**1. 2024 budget & levy**

The Council will keep the levy set at 8 percent over the 2023 levy

Public Works Director Rosati distributed proposed utility rate increases and comparisons for the Council's review. The sewer rate increase is due to mandates imposed by the MPCA. The City must raise the rates in order to cover City costs incurred by becoming compliant with the MPCA stipulations.

The Council is in favor of moving forward with the proposed water line replacement near the airport and proceeding with automated meters throughout the City. The City must raise rates to cover the PFA loan for these projects.

Councilor Lillis confirmed that the utility bill will show a line item increase under debt service so that residents will know the reason for the increase.

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek distributed an email from St. Louis County Traffic Engineer Vic Lund. The Council is concerned with Lund's perspective that the City of Eveleth would need to obtain permission from the Quad Cities ATV Club and the Trail Hawks Snowmobile Club in order to omit the trails from the proposed County alignment of the new Progress Parkway road. As this land is owned by the City of Eveleth, no roadway or trails can be constructed without consent from the City of Eveleth. The Council would like to meet with St. Louis County Commissioner Keith Nelson and Traffic Engineer Vic Lund to discuss this further.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 a.m.