

**MINUTES**  
**Eveleth City Council Workshop Meeting**  
**9:00 a.m., December 19, 2022**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN**

Councilor Jim Perpich, Present  
Councilor John Rauzi, Present  
Councilor Brian Lillis, Present  
Councilor Joseph Koivunen, Absent  
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 the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**1. 2023 Budget & Levy**

The City Council set the preliminary levy at 8% and will keep that amount for the final levy.

**2. Mediacom Franchise Agreement**

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek explained that the old franchise agreement with Mediacom offered complimentary internet services. Due to secured internet service requirements for elections and the ambulance, the City found the need to upgrade some of its service. The proposed franchise agreement does not offer complimentary internet service. The new franchise agreement requires a public hearing and the agreement would be adopted by City ordinance. The customers in Eveleth pay a franchise fee which is remitted to the City. The cable commission is funded by the franchise fee.

**3. Proposed Resolution, Approval of the Rock Ridge School Transportation Improvements Plan**

The slip ramp, off of Hat Trick Avenue, was added to the proposed Rock Ridge School Transportation Improvements Plan. City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek would like to send out a letter to all businesses in close proximity to keep them informed of the slip ramp and the proposed resolution addressing the transportation improvements.

**4. New access road to be built by Slumberland (part of Progress Parkway extension)**

At some point the State will need to decide who should take ownership of the new access road which will be built by Slumberland Furniture as part of the Progress Parkway extension. It needs to be determined whether this will be recognized as a private or a public road.

## **5. Legislative priorities**

Mayor Vlasisavljevich suggested there should be access to funds through the IRRRB for cities in close proximity to the mines. There are more water breaks and infrastructure damage created by mine blasting.

Councilor Lillis said he would like to see the State spend some of its surplus by providing property tax relief. Mayor Vlasisavljevich concurred and reported that he has sent a letter to Governor Walz asking for property tax relief.

The meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.