

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Workshop Meeting
4:45 p.m., November 3, 2025
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

Councilor Jim Perpich, Present
Councilor John Rauzi, Present
Councilor Brian Lillis, Absent
Councilor Joseph Koivunen, Present
Mayor Adam Roen, Present

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

Mayor Roen called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

1. Discuss bouncy houses for the Community Center

Mayor Roen discussed the possibility of getting bouncy houses for the gymnasium at the Community Center. Roen suggested the City could move forward with utilizing the gymnasium realizing that not all of the repairs would be complete, but would be ongoing. Roen proposed the City could hire some high school students to supervise. Possible funding sources for the bouncy houses would be the Charitable Gambling fund or the Miners Bank donation.

The Council weighed in on potential safety and liability issues. City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek will talk with the City Attorney regarding liability issues. The Council would be supportive of hiring a temporary independent contractor to research the safety concerns and look at getting the gymnasium open for bouncy houses, open gym, men's basketball league, etc.

2. Discuss financing for Airport snow removal equipment

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek explained that the City of Virginia is serving as the fiscal agent for the Airport. With Virginia's HRA project, they have reached their debt limit and cannot issue a bond to finance the snow removal equipment for the Airport. Eveleth can serve as the fiscal agent for the equipment, with Eveleth and Virginia signing a pledge agreement to share the cost of capital improvements.

3. Discuss a loader for public works

Public Works Director Rosati informed the Council that the City needs a new loader. Rosati has been in contact with the John Deere dealer out of Duluth and they have a brand new 2024

loader available through the state bidding process which would cost \$40,000 less than a 2026 loader. The warranty would go through 2029 or 3,000 hours. Rosati will get an updated quote for the Council to consider at the next regular meeting.

4. 2026 Budget & Levy

The next budget meeting will be held before the council meeting on November 17th at 3:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.