

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Workshop Meeting
3:30 p.m., November 17, 2025
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN

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

Also present: City Clerk Administrator Jackie Monahan-Junek; Incoming City Administrator Pat Oman; Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Police Chief Jesse Linde

Mayor Roen called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

Incoming City Administrator Pat Oman introduced himself to the Council.

1. 2024 Annual Audit Presentation by Bonnie Schwieger, Abdo Solutions

Bonnie Schwieger, Abdo Solutions, gave a detailed report of the City's 2024 Annual Audit. Schwieger suggested possible changes to reclassify some of the funds that are currently listed under the General Fund.

2. 2026 Budget & Levy

Brian Lillis, speaking as an independent contractor, has been working on the proposed rental code for the City. The draft has been in legal review since April. Lillis had provided an estimated budget for implementing the rental code, but said it is not feasible that the implementation will happen the beginning of this year. He suggested the Council may want to hold public meetings to gain input regarding the proposed rental ordinance.

The council is in favor of lowering the preliminary levy increase from 9 percent to 8 percent.

3. Discuss right-of-way acquisition for new Progress Parkway

The Council discussed a request from Vic Lund of St. Louis County to use City land at the new Progress Parkway. Lund has proposed use of the land, at no cost to the County, for a joint storm water pond. The Council will review the parcel in question and discuss at a future workshop meeting.

4. Discuss Joint Cable Television Access Board Joint Powers Agreement

The Joint Cable TV Access Board would like to lower the quorum requirements as Fayal Township is no longer participating. The Joint Powers Agreement is in effect through April of 2025 so the quorum cannot be changed until that time. The monthly meetings have been changed to noon to better accommodate participation from the school members of the Joint Cable Board.

The meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.