

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Workshop Meeting
2:00 p.m., November 25, 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; Deputy Police Chief Brian Ness

Mayor Roen called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

The following items were added to the Workshop Meeting agenda:

3. Quotes for Items at the Community Center
4. RAMS Plan for Brownfields Redevelopment
5. Zamboni Wraps
6. Resolution for Google Maps

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

City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek informed the Council of a request from St. Louis County. An email from Steven Kniefel, St. Louis County Public Works Department, was presented to the Council. In his email, Kniefel said due to design and locations changes in the proposed round-about project on Progress Parkway, St. Louis County will need permanent and temporary easements on “Parcel 26.” Vic Lund, Traffic Engineer for St. Louis County Public Works Department, had requested St. Louis County acquire the easement on City owned property located in Wolverine Way at no cost to the County.

Mayor Roen brought up safety concerns with only one road entrance into the schools. Councilor Lillis suggested it may be beneficial for the City Council to meet with County Commission Board Members to make them aware of the need for a road. Roen said he is losing hope for the project as the County is estimating 2029 to 2030 for completion of the new Progress Parkway. Councilor Perpich would like the County to invest in the road and Progress Parkway. Prior to the Council approving an easement, Perpich would like an explanation as to why this project is being held up.

The Council will not be making a decision on the easement until they have a chance to discuss the project with the County Commissioners.

2. Discuss proposed Ordinances:

- Adding Section 6.28 Social and Civic Organizations to Chapter 6 of the Eveleth City Code

Councilor Lillis indicated there were a few corrections made to the ordinance. Per the ordinance, any new clubs would have to be in Zone C, which is on Highway 53. Any existing clubs would not be able to expand. This ordinance will be added to the next Council agenda.

- Amending Chapter 11 Land Use Regulation, Section 11.01 General Provisions, Subd. 3 Definitions, and Section 11.20, Subd. 2 Zoning Use Classification List: Permissible (P) and Interim (I) Uses, Exhibit D of the City Code

This ordinance will be on the next Council agenda.

3. Quotes for Items at the Community Center

Mayor Roen provided quotations on potential equipment purchases for the Community Center to include: volleyballs, basketballs, ball racks, pickleball nets. It may be an option for the Library to check out pickleball paddles and balls for the use at the Community Center.

Discussion took place on potential use of gymnasium by the Community Ed for basketball practices. Hiring casual workers to staff the building was discussed. Scheduling, janitorial clean up and security will all have to be addressed.

Mayor Roen asked if liability issues for bouncy houses have been resolved. City Clerk Administrator Monahan-Junek indicated she is working with the City's insurance adjuster.

4. RAMS Plan for Brownfields Redevelopment

Mayor Roen has been in contact with Paul Peltier, RAMS Executive Director. Peltier indicated that RAMS will be participating in brownfields funding for redevelopment and wanted to know if Eveleth would like to be one of the cities involved. There is federal funding available for brownfields redevelopment if Eveleth participates. The three core cities would be Virginia, Eveleth and Ely. Other areas of consideration are Hibbing, Grand Rapids and Silver Bay or Two Harbors.

5. Zamboni Wraps

Mayor Roen provided two quotes from AnderSigns LLC out of Eveleth for wrapping the City's two Zambonis. Director Rosati clarified that the Wilderness has all exclusive rights to advertising per their contract. The US Hockey Hall of Fame Museum has been contacted about possibly advertising on one of the Zambonis, but their Board must approve before a

final decision can be made. The Council would like the wraps complete before the December 20th events to be held at the Hippodrome.

This item will be added to the next regular City Council Meeting.

6. Resolution for Google Maps

The Muhich family lives on the S. Auburn Avenue in Eveleth, but Google Maps does not specify S. Auburn Avenue. They have tried on their own to change Google Maps, but have not been able to get the correction made. This makes it difficult for deliveries to homes in this area. They are requesting the City assist in making changes so that South is reflected in the Google Maps.

The meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.