

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Workshop Meeting
4:30 p.m., December 8, 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: 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 4:33 p.m.

1. Discuss Community Center Project

Councilor Lillis reported that the applicant for the Community Economic Development Coordinator has declined the job. Lillis said that Incoming City Administrator Oman is very well versed in economic development. Oman has revisited the job description and will submit a modified version for the hiring committee to review. Lillis said that Oman is comfortable with accommodating the economic development portion of the job for the time being. Lillis pointed out the immediate need is for the Community Center and scheduling events, managing the casual staff, and coordinating different activities.

Lillis asked the Council to consider the possibility of having someone manage the Community Center on an independent contract as opposed to a full-time community development coordinator position. Lillis indicated that Mayor Roen has expressed interest in serving as an independent contractor. The job duties would include managing the Community Center as well as scheduling events at the Hippodrome and at the Auditorium.

Incoming City Administrator Oman said he is not new to independent contracts, but would like to seek advice from the City Attorney regarding an independent contract with an elected official.

Discussion took place on key items needed to open the Community Center by the New Year. It was decided that the building could be used if off-limit areas are gated; outside door locks are changed; and the first floor cleaned. The Council would like updated quotes for the next Council Meeting for cleaning (first and second floor of the building), installing cameras, electronic system and gates. The Public Works Director will have the locks changed on the outside doors of the building.

Councilor Perpich noted that January 5th is the opening date that the Eveleth Foundation will be accepting grant requests. They City may qualify for funding to purchase items needed at the Community Center.

The Council will need to set a fee for use of the Community Center.

2. Discuss Resolution of Support from St. Louis County Commissioner Keith Nelson

The Council discussed the possibility of St. Louis County setting up a waste management campus in Canyon.

The meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.