

MINUTES
Eveleth City Council Workshop
Wednesday, January 21, 2026
Council Chambers, City Hall, Eveleth, MN
4:00 p.m.

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

Also present: City Administrator Pat Oman; Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Friebe; Public Works Director Jerry Rosati; Police Chief Jesse Linde; Alan Johnson, Bolton & Menk Engineering

Mayor Roen called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. Discuss West Eveleth Force Main Project

Public Works Director Rosati reported that the City has received funding from CDBG and the IRRRB. City Engineer Alan Johnson would like to get this project out for bids with the hope of beginning the work this summer.

2. Discuss Zamboni Wrap

Public Works Director Rosati reported that AnderSigns will allow the City to finish wrapping the second Zamboni this summer while honoring the original price.

3. Discuss Hockey Boards

Director Rosati reported that the company supplying the hockey rink boards has agreed to install the boards this summer and will honor the original price. Rosati said the Council will need to make a decision on the placement of the rink.

The Council had previously discussed placing the rink on the old junior high school property, at least temporarily. Plans for electricity and lights at the site need to be determined. Director Rosati suggested the Council could consider a daytime rink until final placement of the rink can be determined. This would eliminate the need to install lights around the rink at this time.

Councilor Lillis suggested the City consider vacating Roosevelt Avenue. Roosevelt Avenue is currently separating two pieces of real estate. Lillis proposed this section of property could

be worked into the land use plan. Mayor Roen said a temporary basketball court could be set up at the Roosevelt section that currently divides the two properties.

Mayor Roen would like further discussion of the rink added to the February workshop meeting. Director Rosati will provide estimated costs for installing electricity to the Council.

4. Discuss Rink Attendant

Public Works Director Rosati has been contacted by individuals interested in working as attendants for the West Eveleth rink.

5. Data Practices Policy

City Administrator Pat Oman reported that the City Attorney is reviewing the draft of a City Data Practices Policy. Oman hopes to have this on the agenda at the Council Meeting in February.

6. Discuss School Redevelopment Property and Community Center Project

City Engineer Alan Johnson distributed a map for the Council to review of the school property. Mayor Roen, City Engineer Johnson, City Administrator Pat Oman and Developer Krause Anderson met to discuss the former school property.

Adam Roen addressed the Council as the Independent Contract Coordinator for the Community Center. Roen distributed a list of items to purchase for the Community Center to include:

Indoor signage	\$1,400 (AnderSigns)
Office chair, tables/chairs & table dollies	\$5,955 (Uline)
Chairs	\$4,400 (Walmart)
Additional amount for Bouncy Houses	\$ 600
Fridge, Freezer, Stove	\$2,200 (Keenans)
Numerous misc. items for building	\$800 to \$1,000

Discussion took place on hours for the Community Center and the amount to charge for renting the facility. Applications have been received and interviews will be scheduled for the Gym Attendant position. An Eveleth Community Center survey will be sent out in the next utility bill. The building (first and second floor) has been cleaned. Roen will inquire with the cleaning company to see if they would be willing to clean on Mondays. The cleaning schedule may be reevaluated in the future depending on use of the facility.

Roen distributed a quotation from Q Manufacturing for signage and door handles. All of these items would be hockey themed. The Council will discuss this at a future workshop meeting.

7. Discuss Easement Agreement with St. Louis County for Progress Parkway Corridor

St. Louis County is requesting an easement for City owned property. The placement of a road for the second roundabout design needs to be moved due to artifacts found at the site. The easement would allow the County to move forward with the project.

8. Other Items

City Administrator Oman would like Zoning Administrator Tony Jeffries to work on the request by Annamae Tomczak to vacate the alley adjoining her property at 809 Douglas Avenue.

The meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.