Hibbing Memorial Building project could bring facility into 21st Century

Special meeting set for tonight to discuss potential renovation, expansion plans

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HIBBING — City administration is pondering the idea that a long talked-about subject proposed to the Hibbing Memorial Building committee to turn it into an indoor ice rink could not double the size of the building and bring into the 21st Century for the potential expansion plans to purchase four properties to the west of the Memorial Building for $470,000 to make way for the potential expansion.

Discussions on the potential $40 million project have been ongoing for several years and have included public meetings, planning sessions, city council backed concept studies, and even financial commitments from donors.

A next step in the process would be to secure funding, as was seen Wednesday night’s regular city council meeting; as a proposal to purchase four properties to the west of the Memorial Building for the potential expansion is currently on the docket.

On Nov. 11 a formal agreement was signed whereby Hibbing’s Boys & Girls Club is positioned to be a site under the Northland Chapter of the Boys & Girls Club of America, joining established sites in Duluth, Grand Rapids/Grand Superior, Wisconsin, and Superior, Wis., it states.

The Hibbing School Board voiced support for creating a Boys & Girls Club in the community at its Nov. 17 meeting, according to the release. The Hibbing Public Schools are excited to work together with the local committee to establish a Boys & Girls Club within our community,” Hibbing School Superintendent is quoted as saying.

A public meeting is being held to discuss possible options for adding a second sheet of ice on the Hibbing Memorial Building.

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Police Chief Steve Estey on duty at approximately 2 a.m. on Monday, three individuals allegedly broke into the window at the Marathon Gas Station at 111 East 7th St. in Hibbing and made off with an undisclosed amount of cash, along with thousands of dollars worth of cigarettes.

A foreign object is believed to have been used to break out the window, according to law enforcement.

The incident was reported by an employee on Monday morning, according to Estey.

Anyone with information is urged to contact the Hibbing Police Department by calling 911.

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