



City Administrator's Weekly Update

WEEK ENDING MARCH 10, 2017

Upcoming Events:

March 14, 7:00 pm
Planning Commission
City Hall

March 15, 6:00 pm
CAFD Board
City Hall

March 17, 2:00-4:00
Farewell Open House
For Brian Fritsinger
City Hall

March 21, 5:30 pm
Council Work Session
City Hall

March 21, 7:00 pm
City Council Meeting
City Hall

March 28, 4:15 pm
Library Board
Library

Administration/Finance

Bond Sale

The City Council has authorized the issuance of sales tax revenue bonds to help finance some of the upcoming sales tax projects. These projects include the Broadway and Cloquet Avenue Streetscape projects, Dunlap Island Park project, and several other improvement projects. The Council is expected to receive the bids for the \$8.4 million in bonds at its April 4th meeting.

Sunday Off-Sale Liquor Sales

The State of Minnesota recently enacted a new law which will allow for the sale of intoxicating liquor on Sundays. The City Code currently does not allow for the sale of liquor on Sunday so the Council will need to consider whether or not it wishes to align the Code with the State. The City is not required to allow for Sunday sales so it has discretion on this topic. The Council may wish to start thinking about its position.

Safety Committee

The Committee met this week to discuss various employee wellness options. The City has obtained some wellness funding from the Northeast Service Cooperative and the Committee has prioritized the possibility of purchasing AED's for our public buildings. Staff will now research the cost to see how many could be acquired.

Public Works/Parks

Dunlap Island/Broadway Streetscape Project

The Council provided staff with feedback on the design projects this week and staff will now work with our design consultants to get the plans finalized for bidding in the near future. Some work is still taking place with the industries that use this street to make sure any concerns they have about design are being considered.

Skate Park

The City received word that the grant application submitted to the Tony Hawk Foundation was not successful. This grant would have provided up to \$25,000 to be used towards the skate park project.

Community Development

Miscellaneous

Staff continues to research and work on community broadband internet challenges. More meetings are to come with some of our partnering agencies and state officials to determine the realistic options available to the City to improve this critical community infrastructure.

The City and regional partners met with Ady Advantage this week to receive the preliminary marketing study/strategy being developed on behalf of the City of Cloquet. While there does not appear to be any real eye opening issues or suggestions, the data is very solid in terms of its suggestions. Once finalized, the City Council will be provided the final results.

Staff has seen an uptick in communications with potential housing and commercial developers within the community recently. Discussions are being held with several state agencies on some strategies to encourage development along the Highway 33 corridor. Let's keep our fingers crossed that the summer of 2017 becomes a turning point where we finally start to see some larger scale development activity within the community.

Dave Hallback, Mayor

City Council Members:

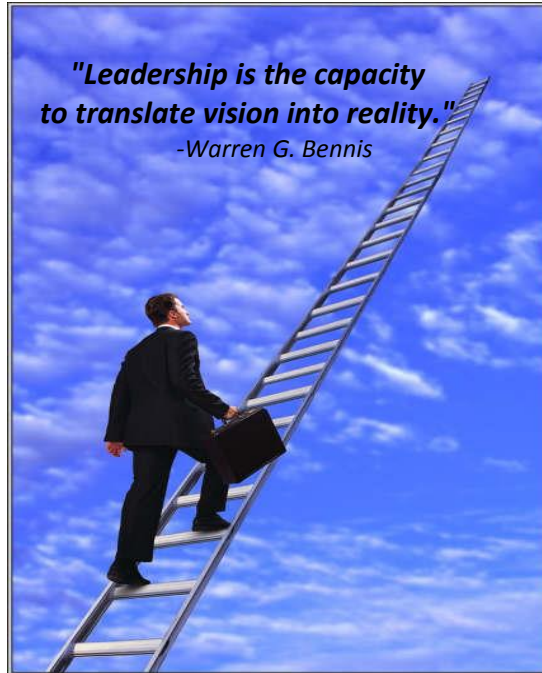
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Blackhoof Townhome Development

Staff continues to work with a developer on the potential of new housing in the Golf Course addition. The developer is expected to submit an application for tax increment financing for the development of 12 townhomes. Should the developer opt to proceed, the City Council will be asked to schedule a Public Hearing at its March 21st meeting.



Other Information Attached:

- * February Permits
- * SKB/Shamrock Landfill CUP Postponement Announcement
- * Farewell Open House Invitation

Monthly report of February 2016*City of Cloquet*

Type	Permits		
	Number Issued	Value	Amount
ADMIN COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	1	10 845.00	200.67
ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT	4	10 400.00	289.40
BUILDING PERMIT ADDITION OR REMODEL	1	8 000.00	157.25
BUILDING PERMIT NEW COMMERCIAL	1	4 000.00	99.25
MECHANICAL PERMIT	6	0.00	300.00
PLUMBING	3	0.00	245.00
REROOF OR RESIDE	1	0.00	101.00
SIGN	1	0.00	20.00
Total	18	33 245.00	1 412.57

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Type	Permits		
	Number Issued	Value	Amount
ADMIN COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	1	27 670.00	13.84
ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT	3	29 270.00	237.14
MECHANICAL PERMIT	5	0.00	200.00
PLUMBING	4	0.00	210.00
REROOF OR RESIDE	1	0.00	101.00
Total	14	56 940.00	761.98



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March 1, 2017

Re: SKB Environmental/Shamrock Landfill

To Whom It May Concern:

At the request of SKB Environmental/Shamrock Landfill their Conditional Use Permit Amendment request will not be heard by the City Council at their meeting on Tuesday, March 7th. At this time it has not been scheduled for a City Council meeting, I will let you know when this has been scheduled for a City Council meeting.

If you have any other questions regarding this matter please feel free to contact me at (218) 879-2507 ex 3.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Al Cottingham", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Al Cottingham
City Planner/Zoning Administrator



Farewell Open House
For City Administrator

Brian Frítsinger

Friday, March 17th

2:00 - 4:00

Cloquet City Hall
1307 Cloquet Avenue

Everyone is Welcome!