



City Administrator's Weekly Update

WEEK ENDING APRIL 14, 2017



Upcoming Events:

April 18, 5:30 pm
Council Work Session
City Hall

April 18, 7:00 pm
City Council
City Hall

April 19, 6:00 pm
CAFD Board

April 25, 4:15 pm
Library Board
Library

May 1, 4:30 pm
Parks Commission
City Hall

May 2, 5:30 pm
Council Work Session
City Hall

May 2, 7:00 pm
City Council Meeting
City Hall

Administration/Finance

The City has received a "Worksite Health/Wellness Grant" from the Northeast Service Cooperative. The grants implicit goal is health care delivery and/or health promotion activities that are important to our employees. The Combined Safety/Wellness Committee has been discussing use of the funds over the past several months. The result of those discussions is to purchase two AED stations. The first will be placed at the Library with the second one at City Hall. Future plans include purchase of a third AED for placement at the Public Works Garage.

Public Works/Parks

Staff coordinated a preconstruction meeting with our contractor for the Sanitary Sewer CIPP Lining project. Prep work is scheduled to start in the near future.

A meeting was held with the general contractor for the Veterans Park Improvements. Spring punch list work has begun. Installation of the granite and precast wall panels is scheduled to begin next week.

Staff completed a walk thru of the Otter Creek development. A list of required repair items will be generated and sent to the developer to be completed prior to final acceptance of these streets by the City.

Community Development

This week Newell Brands, the owner now of Jarden Home Brands/Diamond Brand Cloquet Plant, announced the sale of the Firebuilding business. This transaction includes the Cloquet plant and three fire log plants in the southern United States. I have attached the link to the corporate announcement. <http://ir.newellbrands.com/investor-relations/press-releases/press-release-details/2017/Newell-Brands-Announces-Definitive-Agreement-to-Sell-Fire-Starter-and-Fire-Log-Business/default.aspx>

Staff held a conference call with Ady Advantage on the draft of the Cloquet Marketing Study and its recommendations. The Ady Advantage team will fly in Tuesday afternoon for a community meeting and Work Session meeting with the City Council.

Another launch of marketing this week including direct mailing, newspaper ad, and City Facebook page outreach on Cloquet's Small Cities program has led to significant community response and applications.

A group of veterans representing the Legion stopped in this week and announced their tentative plan to sell their building at the end of May. The veteran group provided the City staff a copy of Mn. Stat. 197.55-57 (attached) requesting the City provide group meeting space (Senior Center was suggested) and potential storage space on city property. Staff will research this request and provide direction.

Dave Hallback, Mayor

City Council Members:

Jeff Rock, Ward 1
David Bjerkness, Ward 2
Roger Maki, Ward 3
Kerry Kolodge, Ward 4
Steve Langley, Ward 5
Adam Bailey, At Large

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Planning/Zoning

The Planning Commission met this week and approved several items that will proceed to Council including:

- Site plan for White Pine Apartments
- Site plan for Country Club Patio Homes
- Ordinance Text Amendments for breweries brew pubs and micro-distilleries

The Planning Commission tabled the Ordinance Text Amendment defining "Special Event" and is looking to the City Attorney for further clarification. This item will return to the Planning Commission for further discussion on May 9th.

Building Inspections

Staff remained busy with construction inspections and building code compliance for liquor license inspections. USG is replacing their roof at significant investment. Staff also attended a free seminar in Duluth this week on Vapor Intrusion Understanding and Managing Risk.

"If passion drives you, let reason hold the reins."

– Benjamin Franklin

Other Information Attached:

- * MN Statutes 197.55-57 Regarding available meeting locations

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197.55 QUARTERS FOR MEETINGS OF VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS.

The governor of this state, or any other legal custodian of public buildings within the state, shall, when not inconsistent with the public interests, set aside any portion of the public buildings for the use and occupation as quarters and places for holding their stated or special meetings or assemblies, to any post, commandery, camp or association, local or state, of veterans of any war in which the United States has been engaged, which may be organized in the city, town, or county in which the building or buildings may be situated. Upon 20 days' written notice, duly served upon the proper officer or officers of any said organizations, by the governor or any other legal custodian, that the public buildings, rooms, or quarters are required for public use, the same shall be promptly and quietly vacated.

History: *(4382) 1905 c 37 s 1; 1911 c 107 s 1; 1990 c 426 art 1 s 2*

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197.56 USE OF QUARTERS.

Such organization shall have the equal and free use of all such quarters, under such rules and upon such conditions as may be prescribed by the governor or by such custodian. All reasonable and proper facilities, so far as possible, shall at all times be furnished therein by any local post, commandery, camp, or association, which may occupy the same, for any state or national gathering of war veterans.

History: *(1383) 1905 c 37 s 2; 1985 c 248 s 70*

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197.57 QUARTERS, HOW MAINTAINED.

Such quarters shall be furnished and maintained at the expense of such organizations as may occupy them under the provisions of section 197.55; provided, that if the building in which such quarters are assigned is heated and lighted at public expense, these quarters shall be so heated and lighted without cost to the organizations.

History: (4381) 1905 c. 37 s. 3

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