



City Administrator's Weekly Update

WEEK ENDING MAY 19, 2017

Upcoming Events:

May 23, 4:15 pm
Library Board

May 29th
Memorial Day
City Hall Closed

May 30, 4:15 pm
Library Board

June 5, 4:30 pm
Parks Commission
City Hall

June 6, 5:30 pm
Council Work Session
City Hall

June 6, 7:00 pm
Council Meeting
City Hall

June 7, 8:00 am
EDA
City Hall

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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Administration/Finance

There is a vacancy on the Planning Commission due to a resignation. The vacancy is posted on the City's website and will also be published in the Pine Journal. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please have them contact Al Cottingham.

Public Works/Parks

Work was slowed significantly this week with all the rain. The overlay contractor was able to continue with concrete removals and forming. City crews worked mostly on tree trimming, street sweeping and some indoor projects on the Lake Superior Waterline. We were able to complete one water leak repair on Doddridge before the rain started on Monday.

Community Development

Economic Development

This week the Council approved a required Resolution of Support for Roers Investments to apply to Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for housing tax credit financing for the Adaptive Reuse of the Cloquet Middle School building. Staff attended a meeting with Fond du Lac related to future broadband fiber plans and how those could or could not be leveraged for Cloquet. Being that the recent Adv Advantage Cloquet Marketing report highlighted opportunities in Cloquet for Agribiz/Food processing and transportation distribution, staff reached out to a local trucking company to inquire about opportunities in the Cloquet Business Park. Staff also worked with the Northspan group to ensure Cloquet property listings are up to date for both buildings and land.

Planning & Zoning

This week at the Council Work Session, staff discussed land use zones related to incinerator based crematories and signage regulations in zoning districts related to pylon signs. The Council approved zoning ordinance amendments defining "Special Events" in Cloquet and formalized the vacation of an alleyway in the West End. Staff accompanied the Building Official to various local projects related to new structure placements. Staff also examined locations along Cloquet Avenue that may be appropriate for bump outs and sharrows this summer season.

Building Inspections Services

There have been a significant number of residential inspections this week for roofing, plumbing, insulation, garages, home framing, and HVAC. In terms of building enforcement this week, staff placarded a few homes for utilities going off and requested interior inspections on two properties with complaints. Commercial inspections were conducted for FOA, CMH, and Gordy's. Staff, the City Attorney, and Councilor Kolodge attended another follow-up meeting on a long standing/ongoing discussion on options to address a failed retaining wall entirely on private property affecting 3-4 property owners.

Library

Summer hours begin next week. Hours will be Monday through Thursday from 9:30 am to 7:30 pm and on Fridays from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm. The library will be closed on Saturdays until after Labor Day. On Monday, May 22nd, at the 6:00 p.m., horticulturist Deborah Shubathe will give a presentation on planning and planting your garden. Everyone is welcome to attend.

*"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more,
do more and become more, you are a leader."*

-- John Quincy Adams