



City Administrator's Weekly Update

WEEK ENDING AUGUST 31, 2017

Upcoming Events:

September 4

**Labor Day
City Hall Closed**

September 5, 5:30 pm
Council Work Session
City Hall

September 5, 7:00 pm
City Council Meeting
City Hall

September 6, 8:00 am
EDA
City Hall

September 11, 4:30 pm
Parks Commission
City Hall

September 12, 7:00 pm
Planning Commission
City Hall

September 19, 5:30 pm
Council Work Session
City Hall

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City Council Meeting
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Administration/Finance

Negotiations are underway with the Teamsters General Local Union No. 545. Our next session is set for September 12th.

Staff continues to work on the budget/CIP with more discussion to take place at the September 5th Work Session.

The Housing and Redevelopment Authority's vacancy remains available. This is a 5-year term that expires June 30, 2022. More information on the HRA and application can be found on the City's website under Boards and Commissions. Encourage your friends to apply!

Public Works/Parks

After a long wait, the general contractor has returned to Dunlap Island and work is beginning to progress. Currently, efforts are focused on site prep for the playground installation which is scheduled to begin in mid-September. Walls for the new warming house should start going up next week.

Some temporary lane closures are scheduled the week of September 11th on the Cloquet Avenue and Broadway sides of the Highway 33 Intersection as loop detectors for the signal system will need to be replaced in advance of paving operations.

Utility staff have been troubleshooting an observed decrease in flow capacity at our sanitary sewer lift station on Dunlap Island. The station remains in operation but it appears some pump maintenance and cleaning of the discharge pipe will be required.

Street and Park crews will be busy Thursday and Friday in preparation for the various Labor Day activities scheduled downtown and in Pinehurst Park.

Community Development

Economic Development

This week staff prepared reports for the September EDA agenda which includes topics on identifying an alternative funding source for the Viking Properties Loan, after finalizing a vision statement for Downtown Cloquet last month, the EDA will now be asked to approve the Downtown Cloquet Revitalization Strategy, reviewing Cloquet Avenue and Broadway street construction concepts with the EDA, considering the initiation of a Request for Proposals for the City's Water Tower Property on Avenue E, and lastly, reviewing and providing input on draft criteria for EDA Loan Fund 201.

Planning and Zoning

Staff attended a MnDOT District 1 Bicycle Plan meeting that is working to put together a state plan for bicycle routes along state highways throughout Minnesota. The plan is strictly for the MnDOT District 1 area, with a key focus on state highways that dissect cities and create impacts.

Staff is managing various land use nuisance complaints this week and has initiated the renewal process for annual excavation permits for the existing Cloquet gravel operations.

Dave Hallback, Mayor

City Council:

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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Building Inspections Services

Staff stayed incredibly busy with commercial inspections at Our Redeemer, CMH Wound Care Facility, and Evergreen Knoll.

The Pawn Shop initiated their Small Cities storefront grant rehab project this week.

On the residential front, staff inspected drywall, siding, roofing, footings, windows, plumbing, mechanical, garage slabs, and conducted a walkthrough of all the ISD 94 school projects with the state plumbing inspector.

To date, the department has handled a few inspections for Scanlon and the process has been smooth.

Library

The library will begin fall hours on Tuesday, September 5th, Monday-Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Friday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

There will be a Legacy funded program, "Leaves of Grass," about the life of Walt Whitman on Thursday, September 7th at 6:30 p.m.



"The best leader is the one who has sense enough to pick good men to do what he wants done, and the self-restraint to keep from meddling with them while they do it."

-Theodore Roosevelt

Other Information Attached:

* National Night Out Thank You



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Dear City of Cloquet

On August 1, 2017, the Cloquet Police Department hosted a local "National Night Out" event at Veteran's Park. To say that the event was a success would be an understatement considering we had approximately 1,000 this year compared to only 400 at last year's event. It was great to see our community members come out to enjoy an evening to interact with our local Police Officers and other area first responders.

For many people, contact with police officers and other emergency responders often comes during times of high anxiety and stress. For this reason, some people may be hesitant to interact with police officers, even when it's in their own best interest to do so. National Night Out provides an opportunity for community and police interaction without negative influences and sets the stage for collaboration and cooperation.

I am writing this letter to thank you for your selfless support of our event and for being part of this important night. Because of your commitment to getting the word out and promoting such an important message, you both helped make the evening enjoyable and rewarding for many. Your involvement demonstrated a willingness to be part of the solution and support for your community.

On behalf of all of our officers and staff, thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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