



City Administrator's Weekly Update

Week Ending March 11, 2016

Upcoming Events



March 13
Daylight Savings

March 15, 4:30
Special Work Session
City Hall

March 15, 7:00 pm
City Council Meeting
City Hall

March 22, 4:15 pm
Library Board
Library

March 22, 7:00 pm
Planning Commission
City Hall

March 22, 7:00 p.m.
Public Hearing
Anderson-Johnson on
behalf of ISD #94
Variance

March 26, 11:00 a.m.
Easter in Pine Valley

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ADMINISTRATION

PERSONNEL

The City has received a number of applications for the Children's Librarian and part-time Circulation Aide positions at the Library. The screening process was finished this past week and interviews scheduled.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Lis Boutang on her retirement after 15 years with the Cloquet Library!

City staff and the Teamsters met earlier this week to review two current employee grievances.

MISCELLANEOUS

During the month of March, area business leaders who are enrolled in the Cloquet Chamber's Leadership Program are running a collection drive for students in need who attend the Cloquet School District. The Backpack Program provides school counselors supplies for students in all grades who are in need. Some suggested items for donation include Pop Tarts, Beef Jerky, Granola Bars, Fruit Cups, Socks, Underwear, Sweat Pants, Leggings, Deodorant, Soap, Shampoo/Conditioner, Female Hygiene Products etc. A donation box has been set up in the lobby of City Hall if you are interested in donating.

COMMUNITY VISIONING

The proposal deadline for the potential Community Visioning Process is Friday, March 11th. The City has received several proposals that will be presented to the Council next week for discussion and direction.

IAFF FIRE GROUND ORIENTATION

The IAFF is asking one last time if anyone is interested in participating in the Fire Ground Orientation to be held on May 1st. If anyone on the Council is interested, please contact Chad Vermeersch ASAP.

"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow." - Albert Einstein

PUBLIC WORKS/PARKS

MISCELLANEOUS

Obviously with our warm weather, the outdoor skating rinks are now closed. The crew has been busy with street sweeping and filling pot holes.

I-35/HWY 33 INTERCHANGE

Staff met with MnDOT officials this week to continue discussions on possible improvements to the I-35/Highway 33 interchange. Discussions are still focusing on the long term construction of a new frontage road. The State believes that it is highly likely that it will be able to access certain safety funds to cover a large share of the project costs. MnDOT will continue to develop plans and study a variety of issues related to the project.

Best Oil Property Acquisition

Staff continues to work with the McKinney family and our consultant on the Phase 2 Environmental Study on the Avenue B property. This is property that the City has interest in due to its proximity to Veterans Park and the need for additional snow storage during the winter. Staff is hoping to have a final recommendation complete in April.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT POLICY

Staff has started to review the section of City Code which addresses special assessments. We are looking to change this from Code to a Policy. The Code is used for the various infrastructure improvement projects that the City undertakes each year. Conceptual changes will be presented to the City Council over the next few meetings.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

BUILDING

Congratulations to Laurie Anderson on passing her exam to be recognized as a Permit Technician by the International Code Council!

OTHER INFORMATION ATTACHED

- Attached the Council will find the following:
- * February Permits
- * IAFF Fire Ground Orientation
- * March 21st ISD #94 Public Meeting Notice

Monthly report of February 2015*City of Cloquet*

Type	Permits		
	Number Issued	Value	Amount
ADMIN COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	2	22 576.00	610.50
ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT	5	66 800.00	1 060.40
BUILDING PERMIT ADDITION OR REMODEL	1	25 000.00	403.75
MECHANICAL PERMIT	1	0.00	25.00
PLUMBING	5	0.00	355.00
SIGN	3	0.00	0.00
Total	17	114 376.00	2 454.65

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

International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 880

AFFILIATED WITH AFL-CIO-CLC



Greetings!

This May 2nd and 3rd, the Minnesota Professional Fire Fighters (MPFF), the state association of nearly 40 Locals which represents over 1700 career firefighters, paramedics, and dispatchers will hold its 81st annual convention at the Black Bear Casino and Convention Center in Carlton, MN.

As part of the conference, and in conjunction with the Cloquet Area Fire District and Cloquet Firefighters Local 880 we will be conducting a one-day fire ground orientation for civilians, elected officials, and representatives of the media. **This event will be held Sunday, May 1st from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at CAFD Station 3 /Training Areas.** This program will include actually suiting up in firefighter protective clothing, donning self-contained-breathing-apparatus (SCBA), and actually going inside a real fire to experience first-hand the environment in which firefighters work. You will also have the opportunity to experience the aftermath of a motor vehicle accident requiring patient extrication, and a cardiac arrest scenario. All of this will be in a controlled environment, of course, but nevertheless it will be an opportunity to see and feel what firefighters deal with on a daily basis. It promises to be a very exciting and informative day!

We would be honored if you would consider participating in this activity. We believe this will provide you a perspective on our issues as never seen before. Additionally, the MPFF will provide press coverage so that your constituents know that you are on the front line with us.

Please RSVP by February 29th, at cvermeersch@cloquetafd.com or call me at (218)393-5592 with any questions you may have about our fire ground event.

Very Truly Yours,

Chad Vermeersch,
MPFF Northern District at Large
Local 880

Sherman Associates Adaptive Reuse Proposal for
the Cloquet Middle School

PUBLIC MEETING & PRESENTATION

Monday, March 21, 2016

6:00 p.m.

**Cloquet Middle School Auditorium
509 Carlton Avenue, Cloquet**

Cloquet students in grades five through eight will be moving to a new middle school in 2017. This will be a great opportunity for our students and community, but we now have to decide what to do with our current middle school. Many communities have faced similar decisions, and in many cases, developers have agreed to repurpose these kinds of buildings to serve a wide range of needs such as housing businesses, becoming centers for arts, or serving various community housing needs.

The District put out a Request for Proposals in October 2015 and in December 2015 received one developer response proposal from Sherman Associates for adaptive reuse of the building into apartments. They presented to the School Board on February 22nd and now this public meeting has been scheduled for the public to learn more about what their plans would be for the middle school.

The meeting will be **Monday, March 21, beginning at 6:00 p.m.** in the **middle school auditorium**. Following the presentation by Sherman Associates, there will be time for questions.

A quorum of the City Council, Planning Commission and Economic Development Authority may be present to listen to this presentation. This meeting is posted as an open meeting under Minnesota Statute.



Contact Bonnie Monfeldt with questions at: 879-6721, ext. 6204 or by email: bmonfeldt@isd94.org