

City Administrator's Weekly Update

Week Ending August 26, 2016



Upcoming Events

August 30, 4:15 pm Library Board Library

September 5 Labor Day City Offices Closed

Sept. 6, 5:30 pm Council Work Session City Hall

Sept 6, 7:00 pm Regular City Council Meeting City Hall

Sept 7, 8:00 am EDA City Hall

Sept 12, 4:30 pm Parks Commission City Hall

Sept 13, 7:00 pm Planning Commission City Hall

Sept 20, 5:30 pm Council Work Session City Hall

Sept 20, 7:00 pm City Council Meeting City Hall

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Administration

Personnel

The City's Health Insurance Committee met this week to discuss our options as a result of the proposed 27.4% increase in health insurance premiums for 2017. A health insurance survey was prepared and provided to all AFSCME and non-union employees. Please return this to Human Resources at your earliest opportunity. Finishing touches on a revised and updated performance evaluation process are also under way. Staff worked on a variety of other personnel matters.

Licensing ATV's/Uber

There has been a change in State law regarding the use of ATV and other recreational vehicles on City streets. Staff met with the City Attorney to discuss these changes and he has indicated that under the letter of the law if the City were to continue to allow ATV's on public streets that such vehicles are required to be licensed and permitted by the City. There is still some further research to be accomplished but if the Council has any thoughts as to this issue, please let Chief Stracek or I know.

On a similar note the Council may be aware that there has been growing discussion around the country regarding the use of Uber to transport people. The City has received its first complaint regarding the use of Uber in Cloquet as an unlicensed business. Staff will be working with our attorneys to identify related issues for our consideration.

2017 Budget

Budget development continues. Staff will be prepared to present the detailed operating budget to the Council On September 6 with formal adoption to be considered on September 20.

Public Works/Parks

Summer Road Projects

The 3rd Street reconstruction project continues its slow but methodical progress. The State is nearing completion on the Highway 33 mill & overlay project. On Friday they were finishing up on the road striping. The County also resurfaced Crosby Road this week.

Lake Superior Waterline Repairs

This project is one the most challenging repair projects taken on by the City in many years. The leak on the line is directly underneath a rail line, adjacent to a WLSSD sanitary line and is between the lake and a wetland. I would like to give a great deal of kudo's to our staff that have pulled several all day/night shifts this week to try and get the line repaired with minimal impact to Sappi. As of Friday afternoon progress was being made but repairs were still underway. Hopefully next week we will be able to report success. Great work guys!

Sunnyside Park

The City also installed a new piece of playground equipment that was donated for the park along with a memorial and sidewalk adjacent to it. The improvements reflect well on the talents of the crew and fit nicely into the park. The engineering department has been busy surveying and staking the Park, as well as Slate Street, for the new Safe Routes to School sidewalk. Finally, the new fencing along the North Road was installed on Thursday and Friday.

Fauley and Veterans Park

Some of the drainage work started this week at Veteran's Park, but overall outside of some general staking not much was accomplished at either park this week.

Community Development

General

Staff met with Carlton County and the Pine Journal this week to talk about development efforts for the Cloquet business park. Staff also worked with Walmart on clarifying certain issues of approval related to their painting of the building. The new grey and dark blue were found to be consistent with the original CUP and design standard requirements.

Monthly report of July 2015

City of Cloquet

Туре	Permits		
	Number Issued	Value	Amount
ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT	6	26 600.00	594.95
BUILDING PERMIT ADDITION OR REMODEL	2	29 800.00	557.40
BUILDING PERMIT DECK	3	7 740.00	341.37
BUILDING PERMIT NEW GARAGE	1	12 000.00	255.25
GRADING PERMIT	2	0.00	25.00
MECHANICAL PERMIT	2	0.00	75.00
PLUMBING	4	0.00	150.00
REROOF OR RESIDE	10	0.00	1 050.00
SIGN	4	0.00	350.00
ZONING - Accessory Building Site Location	1	0.00	25.00
ZONING - FENCE PERMIT	9	0.00	225.00
Total	44	76 140.00	3 648.97

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Туре	Permits		
	Number Issued	Value	Amount
ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT	6	120 720.00	1 392.67
BUILDING PERMIT DECK	2	5 300.00	249.15
BUILDING PERMIT NEW GARAGE	2	24 500.00	524.75
GRADING PERMIT	1	0.00	25.00
MECHANICAL PERMIT	9	0.00	480.00
REROOF OR RESIDE	12	0.00	1 212.00
SIGN	2	0.00	67.00
ZONING - Accessory Building Site Location	1	0.00	25.00
ZONING - FENCE PERMIT	3	0.00	75.00
Total	38	150 520.00	4 050.57