



City Administrator's Weekly Update

WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 4, 2016

Upcoming Events:

November 6th
Daylight Savings Ends

November 7, 4:30 pm
Parks Commission
City Hall

November 8th
ELECTION DAY

November 9, 8:00 am
EDA
City Hall

November 9, 7:00 pm
Planning Commission
City Hall

November 11th
Veterans Day
City Hall Closed

November 15, 5:30 pm
Council Work Session
City Hall

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

November 24th
Thanksgiving
City Hall Closed

November 25th
City Hall Closed

November 29, 4:15 pm
Library Board
Library



Administration/Finance

Personnel

Best of luck to all of our deer hunters beginning this weekend. Be safe and enjoy your time chasing the elusive 24 point buck.

We are currently advertising for a part-time Library Aide and winter Rink Attendants. These are great jobs for anyone looking for some flexible part-time hours. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please encourage them to go to the City's website and look at the positions!

The Council approved the hiring of Ryan Lunda as a Police Officer. Congratulations to Ryan and we look forward to his start with our team.

Staff met with AFSCME representatives this week to receive additional comments regarding the City's Personnel Policy Manual. Additional conversations will take place in the near future.

Elections

Only 5 more days until election day! Good luck to those running for City Council.

Finance

The GFOA awarded the GFOA Excellence in Financial Reporting to the CAFD for fiscal year-end 12/31/2015. Congratulations to Nancy who provides the fiscal services to the District and to the District for its commitment to work towards this designation and being recognized for this award.

Assessment Rate Policy

Following up from direction from the City Council, staff is working with the City Attorney to explore the question of retroactively looking at changes to the interest rate on older assessments from completed street improvement projects. The information will be presented to the Council after a legal opinion is obtained.

Community Sign

Staff was able to re-group this week with the National Guard after a long delay in discussions regarding a shared community sign to be conceptually placed at the National Guard Armory. Staff will continue to work on concepts associated to this project and present them at a later date to the City Council.

Miscellaneous

The crew has started erecting the various hockey rink boards in the Parks. With the fireworks planned for Veterans Park as part of the Home for the Holidays event a small glitch was run into related to safety zones. As a result, we will need to close Avenue B for a short period of time to ensure that vehicles and pedestrians are not in the safety zone. Efforts to minimize impact on truck traffic will be taken by closing the road for 15 minutes prior to and 15 minutes after the fireworks display.

Dave Hallback, Mayor

City Council Members:

Jeff Rock, Ward 1
David Bjerkness, Ward 2
Roger Maki, Ward 3
Kerry Kolodge, Ward 4
Steve Langely, Ward 5
Lara Wilkinson, At Large

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Public Works/Parks

FDL Long Range Transportation Plan

Staff met with FDL representatives to initiate discussions on the Band's planning efforts related to its transportation and road plans. The goal was to identify future coordination and funding opportunities for road, trail and pedestrian programs.

Veterans Park

Work commenced on Wednesday related to the installation of the various underground electrical and lighting components of the project.

Community Development

First Time Homebuyers Program

Staff has been investigating the possible application to the Minnesota Housing & Finance Agency for funding that can be used locally for first time homebuyers. Assuming things continue to progress the Council will be asked in December for a resolution of support to make application or a commitment agreement that will accompany the application.



"Sometimes you have to step outside of the person you've been, and remember the person you were meant to be, the person you wanted to be, the person you are."

***- H.G. Wells,
British Author***

Other Information Attached:
*October 2015/2016 Building Permit Activity Report

Monthly report of October 2016

City of Cloquet

Type	Permits		
	Number Issued	Value	Amount
ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT	4	10 339.00	266.67
BUILDING PERMIT ADDITION OR REMODEL	1	9 500.00	186.00
BUILDING PERMIT DECK	1	550.00	66.33
BUILDING PERMIT NEW GARAGE	3	43 793.00	895.65
Demo - Residential	1	0.00	51.00
MECHANICAL PERMIT	8	0.00	390.00
PLUMBING	4	0.00	180.00
REROOF OR RESIDE	12	0.00	1 212.00
ZONING - FENCE PERMIT	3	0.00	75.00
Total	37	64 182.00	3 322.65

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Type	Permits		
	Number Issued	Value	Amount
ADMIN COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	1	140 000.00	1 187.75
ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT	13	61 687.00	1 372.25
BUILDING NEW RESIDENTIAL	2	445 000.00	5 435.19
BUILDING PERMIT ADDITION OR REMODEL	2	112 392.00	1 721.00
BUILDING PERMIT NEW GARAGE	2	13 400.00	365.20
GRADING PERMIT	1	0.00	25.00
MECHANICAL PERMIT	3	0.00	105.00
PLUMBING	7	0.00	695.00
REROOF OR RESIDE	10	0.00	1 010.00
ZONING - FENCE PERMIT	4	0.00	100.00
Total	45	772 479.00	12 016.39