



City Administrator's Weekly Update

Week Ending February 6, 2015

MEETING SCHEDULE

February 10, 7:00 pm
Planning Commission
City Hall

February 11, 4:30 pm
Cable Commission
High School

February 16
Presidents Day
City Offices Closed

February 17, 4:30 pm
Council Work Session
City Hall

February 17, 7:00 pm
City Council
City Hall

February 18, 6:00 pm
CAFD
Station 2-Perch Lake

February 24, 4:15 pm
Library Board
Cloquet Library

March 2, 4:30 pm
Parks Commission
City Hall

March 3, 5:30 pm
Council Work Session
City Hall

March 3, 7:00 pm
City Council
City Hall

March 4, 8:00 am
EDA
City Hall

ADMINISTRATION

PERSONNEL

Labor contract negotiations continued with AFSCME this week. A tentative settlement has been reached. The Union will bring the settlement to a vote sometime in the next few weeks and, assuming it is ratified, it will be presented to the Council on March 3.

Councilor Rock spent the better part of a day with City staff touring the facilities and becoming acquainted with public works/parks operations.

2015 BUDGET AND CIP

The 2015 budget and CIP documents are completed and have been posted on the City website. The Council also received a copy of the summary budget. If for some reason anyone wants a paper copy of the full document, please let us know.

FDL CLEAN AIR

Staff has been receiving a number of inquiries regarding the status of the FDL Clean Air Re-designation. FDL has not yet responded or posted any response to written comments provided as part of the hearing process. FDL environmental staff has indicated to MPCA staff they intend to respond to comments from each party in coming months prior to submittal of their formal request to EPA.

ISO RATING

Attached the Council will find a letter informing the City that the City's ISO rating has been upgraded to a level 3. This is an incredible score and something I would have never thought possible for a community our size. I think it clearly shows the positive impact of consolidated services and the Fire District's commitment to overall community risk reduction through training, public education and fire investigation. It also puts the CAFD into a very rare category nationwide.

ACTIVE PLACES GRANT

Staff has been working with the Cloquet Active Transportation Coalition on a grant application to Blue Cross Blue Shield for funding to help create some pilot projects that relate to bike lanes. The grant would help fund certain signage, painting and supplies to help identify such pilot project areas. More specifics will be presented to the Council at a later date.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MISCELLANEOUS

The EDA held its monthly meeting this week and has started to explore the issues of community marketing and downtown revitalization. The quarterly manufacturing networking luncheon was held at City Hall with various Cloquet manufacturers.

CLEAN UP DAY—2015

The committee responsible for the community clean up day started work on planning for this year's event by meeting this week.

SCANLON

City representatives met with Scanlon this week to begin some exploratory discussions into the concept of merger/consolidation. The group agreed to continue to explore the concepts by gathering some basic information and will be regrouping later this month.

PUBLIC WORKS / PARKS

GENERAL

The utility crew continues to stay busy with water main breaks. The street crew has been busy working on building maintenance items, rights-of-way brushing and clearing and pothole filling. We will see if the weekend brings us any snow to get the guys out to do something a bit different.

LAKE SUPERIOR WATERLINE

Staff met with Sappi this week to try and kick off discussions about the need to make electrical improvements to the Lake Superior Waterline pump stations. These projects are estimated to cost over \$1 million and the financial burden is typically negotiated and passed on to the company. Further discussion to take place.

WATERFRONT COMMITTEE

Staff continues to seek potential membership on the Waterfront Committee. Additional reminders to the target group were sent out by staff this week. If the Council is aware of anyone else that might be interested, please let us know so that we can reach out and make contact.

OTHER INFORMATION ATTACHED

Attached the Council will find the following:

- Letter regarding City's ISO rating
- January permit report



"If once you forfeit the confidence of your fellow citizens, you can never regain their respect and esteem."

-- Abraham Lincoln,
16th U.S. President

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January 26, 2015

Mr. Brian Fritsinger, Administrator
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RE: Cloquet 1, Scanlon, Carlton County, Minnesota
Public Protection Classification: 03
Effective Date: May 01, 2015

Dear Mr. Brian Fritsinger,

We wish to thank you Chief Kevin Schroeder, Mr. Jim Prusack, Mr. Tim Johnson, Mr. Jeff Vivier and Mr. Steve Kahn for your cooperation during our recent Public Protection Classification (PPC) survey. ISO has completed its analysis of the structural fire suppression delivery system provided in your community. The resulting classification is indicated above.

Enclosed is a summary of the ISO analysis of your fire suppression services. If you would like to know more about your community's PPC classification, or if you would like to learn about the potential effect of proposed changes to your fire suppression delivery system, please call us at the phone number listed below.

ISO's Public Protection Classification Program (PPC) plays an important role in the underwriting process at insurance companies. In fact, most U.S. insurers – including the largest ones – use PPC information as part of their decision-making when deciding what business to write, coverage's to offer or prices to charge for personal or commercial property insurance.

Each insurance company independently determines the premiums it charges its policyholders. The way an insurer uses ISO's information on public fire protection may depend on several things – the company's fire-loss experience, ratemaking methodology, underwriting guidelines, and its marketing strategy.

Through ongoing research and loss experience analysis, we identified additional differentiation in fire loss experience within our PPC program, which resulted in the revised classifications. We based the differing fire loss experience on the fire suppression capabilities of each community. The new classifications will improve the predictive value for insurers while benefiting both commercial and residential property owners. We've published the new classifications as "X" and "Y" – formerly the "9" and "8B" portion of the split classification, respectively. For example:

- A community currently graded as a split 6/9 classification will now be a split 6/6X classification; with the "6X" denoting what was formerly classified as "9."
- Similarly, a community currently graded as a split 6/8B classification will now be a split 6/6Y classification, the "6Y" denoting what was formerly classified as "8B."
- Communities graded with single "9" or "8B" classifications will remain intact.

PPC is important to communities and fire departments as well. Communities whose PPC improves may get lower insurance prices. PPC also provides fire departments with a valuable benchmark, and is used by many departments as a valuable tool when planning, budgeting and justifying fire protection improvements.

ISO appreciates the high level of cooperation extended by local officials during the entire PPC survey process. The community protection baseline information gathered by ISO is an essential foundation upon which determination of the relative level of fire protection is made using the Fire Suppression Rating Schedule.

The classification is a direct result of the information gathered, and is dependent on the resource levels devoted to fire protection in existence at the time of survey. Material changes in those resources that occur after the survey is completed may affect the classification. Although ISO maintains a pro-active process to keep baseline information as current as possible, in the event of changes or questions, please call customer service at 1-800-444-4554, option 2 to expedite the update activity.

ISO is the leading supplier of data and analytics for the property/casualty insurance industry. Most insurers use PPC classifications for underwriting and calculating premiums for residential, commercial and industrial properties. The PPC program is not intended to analyze all aspects of a comprehensive structural fire suppression delivery system program. It is not for purposes of determining compliance with any state or local law, nor is it for making loss prevention or life safety recommendations.

If you have any questions about your classification, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Dominic Santanna

Dominic Santanna
Manager - National Processing Center

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cc: Ms. Annette Bryant, Mayor, Cloquet 1
Chief Kevin Schroeder, Chief, Cloquet Area Fire Department
Mr. Dylan Bridges, Administrator, Carlton County Sheriffs Department
Mr. Jim Prusack, Director of Public Works, Cloquet Water Department
Mr. Tim Johnson, Utilities Manager, Cloquet Water Department
Mr. Jeff Vivier, Water Superintendent, Fon du Lac Reservation Water Department
Mr. Steve Kahn, Utilities Director, Scanlon Water Department

Monthly report of January 2015*City of Cloquet*

Type	Permits		
	Number Issued	Value	Amount
ADMIN COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	1	6 500.00	142.50
ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT	4	24 473.00	521.14
BUILDING NEW RESIDENTIAL	2	375 000.00	4 753.88
MECHANICAL PERMIT	1	0.00	40.00
PLUMBING	2	0.00	110.00
SIGN	2	0.00	65.00
Total	12	405 973.00	5 632.52

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Type	Permits		
	Number Issued	Value	Amount
ADMIN COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	1	33 900.00	812.50
ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT	2	4 750.00	123.38
BUILDING PERMIT ADDITION OR REMODEL	1	3 000.00	84.75
MECHANICAL PERMIT	3	0.00	225.00
PLUMBING	3	0.00	145.00
SIGN	1	0.00	16.00
Total	11	41 650.00	1 406.63