



# City Administrator's Weekly Update

Week Ending February 27, 2015

## MEETING SCHEDULE

**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

**March 10, 7:00 pm**

Planning Commission  
City Hall

**March 11, 4:30 pm**

Cable Commission  
CAT-7 Studio

**March 17, 5:30 pm**

Council Work Session  
City Hall

**March 17, 7:00 pm**

City Council  
City Hall

**March 18, 6:00 pm**

CAFD  
Cloquet City Hall

**March 31, 4:15 pm**

Library Board  
Cloquet Library

**April 1, 8:00 am**

EDA  
City Hall

## ADMINISTRATION

### PERSONNEL

Debbie has provided her official notice of retirement. Her last day with the City will be April 30.

I will be taking a few days of vacation next week to see if I can catch any fish. As always, if you need anything while I am gone you can reach me by cell or email.

Several staff and members of the City Council attended the Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet this week.

Labor negotiations with the CAFD Battalion Chiefs continued this week after a couple month hiatus.

### TOBACCO LICENSE SUSPENSION

An administrative hearing was held with the owner of Sunnyside Liquor this past week regarding the businesses failure of its last tobacco compliance check. Attorney Yetka has recommended a ten day license suspension. This will be presented to the Council on March 17.

### SCANLON

The Committee exploring the concept of merger/consolidation met again this week. No road blocks were identified and the group will continue to meet. Some additional follow up to better understand the process used by Thomson and Carlton will be taking place as well as some more discussion with the City's financial advisor.

## CITY COUNCIL RETREAT

Staff has firmed up the program and schedule with our facilitator for the April 24-25 Council/department head retreat. We will be changing the venue this year and meeting at one of the hospital meeting rooms.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### SMALL CITIES GRANT

Staff completed its work on the final application to the State SCDP grant program. Now it will be time to sit back and wait to see how the City compares to other applicants for funding projects and whether it can get an award.

### PROPERTY CLEAN UP

The City has issued some follow up orders and information to the property owner of 1817 Big Lake Road as it relates to the financing of the costs of clean up.

## PUBLIC WORKS / PARKS

### GENERAL

The City has been receiving some complaints regarding grit in the waterlines in the area of Granite Street after a recent water main break in this area. The City has had numerous breaks over the past ten years in this area and will need to study further some long term improvement solutions.

With the cold weather continuing, the City has authorized some additional properties to run water to avoid freeze up problems.

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"From what we get, we can make a living; what we give, however, makes a life."

-- Arthur Ashe,  
American professional tennis player