

# City Administrator's Weekly Update

Week Ending March 27, 2015

## **MEETING SCHEDULE**

**April 1, 8:00 am** EDA City Hall

April 6, 4:30 pm Parks Commission City Hall

April 7, 5:30 pm Council Work Session City Hall

April 7, 7:00 pm City Council City Hall

April 8, 4:30 pm Cable Commission CAT-7 Studio

**April 14, 7:00 pm**Planning Commission
City Hall

April 15, 6:00 pm CAFD District Adm. Office

April 21, **5:30 pm** Council Work Session City Hall

April 21, 7:00 pm City Council City Hall

April 28, 4:15 pm Library Board Cloquet Library

**April 28, 7:00 pm**Planning Commission
City Hall

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**ADMINISTRATION** 

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Well its been awhile since I have been able to prepare a weekly update. I apologize for the break and hopefully will be able to get back to a more normal schedule.

### **PERSONNEL**

I will be out of the office on a planned vacation this next week.

We have been pretty busy with a variety of hiring and employment processes. The City has been assisting the Fire Department with its secretarial hiring with interviews now scheduled for the first week of April. Advertising has closed on the Administrative Assistant position and review of the applications are taking place. Final interviews with Police Officer candidates took place with recommendations planned for April. A new part-time video technician for CAT7 has been identified. The posting for the Utility Maintenance Person position closed this week and the posting for the Lead Pumphouse Supervisor is expected to be done in the near future.

We are also working with Springsted on the final grading and pointing for the Commander positions in the Police Department and Assistant City Administrator positions.

Finally, labor negotiations are continuing with the Teamsters and Fire BC units.

## **CITY COUNCIL RETREAT**

Just a reminder that the Retreat is scheduled for April 24-25. Staff is working with the facilitator and more detail related to the Retreat schedule is still to come.

### LEGAL

Staff had several interactions with our attorney's on the Conway, Roschen and Wolf lawsuits against the City of Cloquet. The Roschen case is being considered by the 8th Circuit US Court of Appeals and the Wolf case is still in the early stages of investigation and in District Court.

## **PUBLIC WORKS / PARKS**

## **GENERAL**

The crew has remained busy with spring activities. The spruce up of painting and interior clean up work at the police department has been pretty much completed. Street sweeping continues. As you can imagine, with the amount of sand that is used during the winter, this is a very time consuming process to collect all of the material on the streets. The new waterline constructed in Airport Road this past year has also frozen this past week. Investigation into the cause continues.

## OTHER INFORMATION ATTACHED

Attached the Council will find the following:

- March 18 Cable Commission Minutes
- March 16 Hwy 33 Corridor Study Minutes
- Notice to Property Owners-8th St Improvement
- February Financial Report

- February Permit Report
- Announcement from Debra Shaff
- Letter to Residents-BLASD
- Letter from Mediacom



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## PUBLIC WORKS / PARKS (cont.)

### **SUNSET DRIVE PUBLIC HEARING**

The newspaper neglected to publish the public hearing notice this week for the Sunset Drive improvement hearing which had been scheduled for April 7. As a result, the hearing will need to be rescheduled and all residents re-noticed about the new hearing date of April 21.

### **HIGHWAY 33 CORRIDOR STUDY**

The Highway 33 Corridor Study work group met in each of the last two weeks to talk about the study and various components of work to be investigated. The group has focused some early discussion on the unfortunate accidents at the Highway 33/I-35 intersection. Staff will be making a recommendation to the Council in the near future as to the hiring of a consultant to lead MnDOT and the City in this effort.

## **RIVERFRONT PARK PLAN**

Our consultant finished up work on the Parks charrette this week. Three days of community meetings were held which resulted in the presentation of concept plans on Wednesday night. The consultant will now be refining the materials and providing the plans to the City over the next few weeks.

## **PINEHURST PARK**

Final tinkering to the construction and site plan improvements for Pinehurst Park took place this week. The project plans are nearing a point where it will be ready to bid in the near future. Construction is programmed to begin this fall.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

### **SMALL CITIES GRANT**

Staff continues to refine the City's grant application per the direction of the State. Awards will be announced in the near future.

### **CLEAN UP DAY**

Clean Up Day specifics have been pretty much hammered out and staff will be in attendance at the next Council Work Session to review those plans with the Council.

### **COMMUNITY BROADBAND**

Staff has been participating with Carlton County in broadband discussions. These discussions relate to the County's award of grant funding to find ways to enhance broadband services within the community and County.

### Housing

A variety of issues related to housing continue to be worked on. Meetings with the HRA and AEOA have been taking place. Staff also continues to work with a couple of different developers that are exploring housing development opportunities in Cloquet.

"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up.

The most certain way to succeed is always
to try just one more time."

-- Thomas Edison, inventor



## Cable Commission Meeting Minutes March 18, 2015

Present: Kathy Hanson, Adam Kemptar, Nathaniel Wilkinson, Pete Radosevich,

Brian Fritsinger, and Eric Lipponen.

## **OTHER**

Mr. Fritsinger noted that Mr. Yetka had an emergency with the family and would not be in attendance.

## FRANCHISE AGREEMENT

Mr. Fritsinger updated the Commission in that Attorney Yetka had provided Mediacom with the draft Franchise Agreement. Ms. Sunde of Mediacom has made contact with Mr. Yetka and requested a meeting to further negotiations. A tentative meeting has been set for April 9, 2015. The Commission will not have to attend this first meeting. Mr. Fritsinger also noted that further discussion with our partner communities will take place after the Franchise is agreed upon.

## LOGO DESIGN

Staff presented the various logos that have been submitted. With the deadline on February 28, the Commission can now review and identify its preferred choice if it finds one that meets its expectations. The Commission reviewed the submittals and identified a preferred choice. Commissioner Kemptar will now see if he can touch it up a bit more professionally to see if it can work for CAT7. Contact will be made with the designer after the design can be touched up.

## **PROGRAMMING**

Mr. Lipponen noted that he has investigated the website identified by the Commission, Lynda.com, and it does appear that the site will be helpful for staff to further its training on our system. The cost looks to start at \$37.50 per month and can be cancelled at any time.

**Motion:** Commissioner Radosevich moved and Commissioner Wilkinson seconded the motion to authorize the use of the Lynda.com website training as long as it appears to be cost effective and beneficial. The motion carried unanimously (4-0).

## **OTHER**

There was discussion on Harry's Gang being uploaded to YouTube for other regional public access television channels to use. Mr. Lipponen confirmed that it is being uploaded and available for anyone to either access or use. The Commission had no further comments.

Mr. Lipponen noted that he has received an application for the part-time Video Technician position that has been open for a while. He will be conducting an interview in the near future and is hopeful that the candidate will be a fit.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next meeting will be on the 2nd Wednesday of April (April 8).

Hearing no other items of discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Adjourn.

## Cloquet Highway 33 Corridor Study Meeting Minutes March 16, 2015

In Attendance:

Jim Prusak, Cloquet City Engineer

Caleb Peterson, Cloquet Assistant City Engineer

Steve Stracek, Cloquet Chief of Police

Holly Butcher, Cloquet Community Development Director

Al Cottingham, Cloquet City Planner

Jim Miles, Mn/DOT Traffic Engineer - District One

Mike Tardy, Carlton County Engineer

Andy Hubley, ARDC Director of Regional Planning

Meeting Called to Order by Jim Prusak, 10:00 AM, at Cloquet City Hall. This is the first "kick-off" meeting of the Study Group.

Corridor Study Background and Purpose: Over the years, continued development in Cloquet and in particular along South Trunk Highway 33 has raised questions regarding needed future roadway improvements that would better accommodate existing and future traffic and improve safety at key intersections. Traffic congestion, safety, travel speeds, geometrics and accesses have been identified as issues for this stretch of roadway. The roadway is the main thoroughfare for north/south through traffic, as well as a primary route for commuters, tourists and consumers. Potential future developments along the highway corridor are also being considered as well as other collector routes extending west from Highway 33 to other portions of Cloquet.

Potential recommendations for improving the TH 33 South corridor include the development of an access management plan, new frontage roads, additional traffic signals and improved pedestrian facilities. The goal of the plan is to provide a guide for the City of Cloquet and the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) in regulating access onto the highway, so that it will be safer and more efficient in the future.

For now this study is focused on the south section of Highway 33 in Cloquet running from Interstate Highway I-35, north to the St. Louis River. At some time in the future, it is anticipated the northerly section from the St. Louis River to the north city limits will be looked at as well. At this time, however, the study of the northerly section has not been programmed. Funding assistance for the current study has been provided by the City of Cloquet and the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) through Master Partnership Contract 02485W10 and it is anticipated the study will be completed by the end of November 2015.

**Study Work Plan:** A preliminary Work Plan, dated February 2015, for the Study was completed by the City of Cloquet (see attached) and this initial draft was circulated for discussion. At this time, there were no proposed revisions to the work plan, however, it is anticipated that revisions and refinements may take place as thing proceed.

Recent Traffic Accidents: Within the past few weeks, two major broadside accidents occurred on the south end of the Highway at the on-grade intersection with I-35 and the South Highway 33 Frontage Road. The accident on February 10<sup>th</sup> involved one fatality. This is not the first fatality at this location and continued accidents at this location are cause for heightened safety concerns on the part of the community. Jim Miles indicated Mn/DOT is well aware of the two accidents and recently received a petition requesting change at this intersection. They are currently reviewing this location with a consultant and the Mn/DOT Office of Traffic Safety and Operations as part of their District Safety Plan. He did caution, however, that this initial review will not be all encompassing but will be a quick review of the past accident history and the location site by "a second set of eyes" to determine any additional immediate improvements and any future direction on the issue. At this point, this intersection will remain a topic of discussion for the Cloquet Highway Corridor Study group.

Trails and Pedestrian Facilities: There are currently some snowmobile and ATV trails within the right-of-way along portions of this section of highway that have been established by use over the years. At this point none of these trails are believed to be permitted by Mn/DOT and there are concerns that some of these do not meet Mn/DOT standards to where they could even be permitted. This issue will be looked at as part of the Corridor Study. In addition, the City of Cloquet has expressed interest in developing improved pedestrian facilities, particularly from the section running from Big Lake Road (CSAH 7) to the Pinehurst Park area.

Consultant Selection: Currently the City has Short, Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (SEH) working on a number of park projects within Cloquet and also back in 2014 they also worked with the City Engineer's Office in putting together preliminary plans for some frontage road revisions in the area of Pine Tree Plaza just south of Big Lake Road. SEH has offered a Proposal for Transportation/Engineering Services to complete the corridor study in response to the preliminary Work Plan as offered by the City. Discussion took place regarding the process the group would like to use for the consultant selection process. In light of Cloquet's past and current working relationship with SEH and the short time frame available to complete this work, Cloquet suggested the group consider selecting SEH rather than soliciting a Request For Proposals from other consultants at this time. SEH is on Mn/DOT's Approved Vendors List for transportation planning services and they are comfortable in following any selection process the City so chooses to use. It was the consensus of the group this was acceptable, however, before making a final selection, the group should meet with the consultant to review the work plan for the project and SEH's Proposal.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of Corridor Study Group has been scheduled for **10:00 AM, Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>** at the Cloquet City Hall. At this meeting the group will meet with the transportation consultant SEH Inc.

**Adjournment:** With there being no further business the meeting ended at 11:30 AM



## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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March 13, 2015

RE: Notice of Public Hearing On Proposed Improvement, Reconstruction of 8<sup>th</sup> Street from a point 450 feet North of Washington Avenue, to Sahlman Avenue AND Sahlman Avenue from 7<sup>th</sup> Street to 9<sup>th</sup> Street.

Dear 8th Street and Sahlman Avenue Property Owner:

As part of the City's 5-Year Capital Improvement Program, plans are being made to reconstruct 8<sup>th</sup> Street from a point 450 feet north of Washington Avenue to Sahlman Avenue and also Sahlman Avenue from 7<sup>th</sup> Street to 9<sup>th</sup> Street during 2015.

As a result of the heavy rains of June 2012, a number of homeowners in the residential area along 8<sup>th</sup> Street from Sahlman Avenue to Washington Avenue experienced sewer backups in their basements. These backups were caused when the capacity of the sanitary sewer main running along 8<sup>th</sup> Street was exceeded due to higher than normal flows. Shortly after the 2012 flood, the Engineering Department began an investigation of the sewer system in this area and it was determined that much of the grade of this trunk sewer is minimal at best. A review of past sewer maintenance records also show this sewer has been a habitual maintenance problem, which requires more than just routine cleaning. The ultimate results of the study recommend complete replacement of this entire trunk sewer, which currently runs north to Doddridge Avenue. As a first phase to accomplishing this, during 2014 the main outfall sewer running along Highway 33 was replaced and deepened in conjunction with the Highway reconstruction project. This will allow other connecting sewers from the area to likewise be deepened and laid at steeper grades.

Rather than replace the existing trunk sewer, which currently runs north all the way to Doddridge Avenue, the new proposed sewer would run directly west out to Highway 33 from the intersection of Sahlman Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Street, between the parking lots of L&M Supply and Premiere Theatres. The City currently holds a utility easement across this property and this new alignment would eliminate the need to reconstruct Doddridge Avenue from the Highway east to 7<sup>th</sup> Street. This new sanitary sewer outfall will then service the entire residential area that is bound by Doddridge Avenue on the north, Washington Avenue on the south and lying between Highway 33 and 12<sup>th</sup> Street.

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As a result of the extensive utility reconstruction it is also anticipated this project will involve the total reconstruction of Sahlman Avenue from 7<sup>th</sup> Street to 9<sup>th</sup> Street and also 8<sup>th</sup> Street from Sahlman Avenue south to the frontage road near the Ford dealership. This reconstruction would include all existing utilities, curbs and pavement. As part of this project it is also proposed to install a new stormsewer in the area and a sidewalk along Sahlman Avenue on the north side and along 8<sup>th</sup> Street on the east side.

The current estimated cost of this project is \$1,080,000 and the majority of these costs will be paid for with moneys from the City's permanent improvement, water, sewer and storm sewer funds. On a project such as this, however, a portion of the construction costs would be assessed or charged back to abutting properties along the project route in accordance with Chapter 12 of the City Code. On this particular project, approximate \$180,000 or 17% of the total project costs will be assessed. Your property in particular will be affected by this proposed project so I would like to take this opportunity to explain some of the costs involved and how particular assessments would be handled.

Chapter 12 establishes the present policy relating to the financing of certain street and utility improvements in Cloquet. Basically three items would be assessed or billed back to properties along the project route. All properties would pay for 50% of the new curb and for the cost of a ten-foot wide strip of blacktop. This would amount to approximately \$28.00 per front foot and would be multiplied by your lot width. In the case of a corner lot, curb and pavement is assessed to the lot's short side plus 1/3 of its long side. In addition all properties, which receive their sanitary sewer and water service off the newly reconstructed utility mains, would be assessed a lump sum of approximately \$4,650 per residence for the utility reconstruction.

It is anticipated that average assessments for this project will be in the \$7,200 to \$8,000 range. All assessments associated with this project may be paid for over a period years and the City Council will determine the payoff terms of the assessments to include the number of years and the interest rate. If a person wishes to pay the assessment off early, arrangements to do so can be made directly with the City's Finance Department.

On Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at 7:00 PM, the City Council has scheduled a Public Hearing to discuss this project further. Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the hearing notice. During this meeting, the Council will take formal public input to assist them in their decision as to how the City should proceed. If you have any questions regarding this proposed project or particular concerns, feel free to give our office a call. We would be more than happy to meet with you at your convenience to provide any additional information prior to the public hearing. In the meantime, if you have further questions, feel free to call our office at 879-6758.

Sincerely,

James R. Prusak Director of Public Works cc Mayor and City Council Brian Fritsinger

## NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT

City of Cloquet, Minnesota

## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

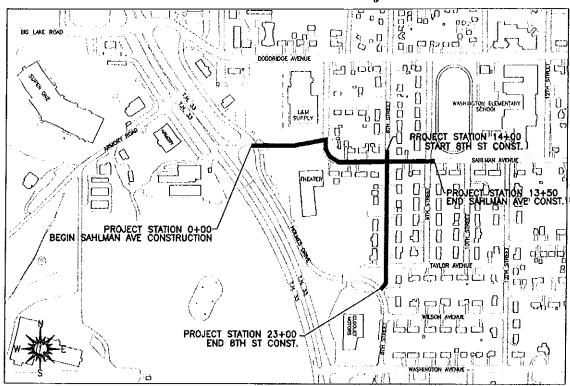
Notice is hereby given that the City Council of Cloquet, Minnesota will meet in the council chambers of the Cloquet City Hall at 7:00 PM, April 7, 2015 to consider the improvement of:

8<sup>th</sup> Street from a point 450 feet North of Washington Avenue To Sahlman Avenue and Sahlman Avenue from 7<sup>th</sup> Street to 9<sup>th</sup> Street.

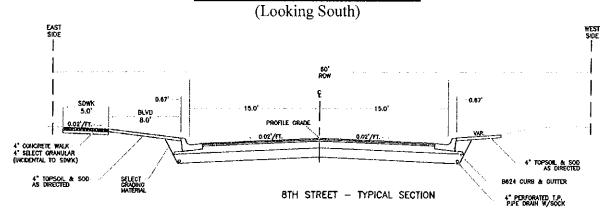
This proposed project will involve the reconstruction of the existing streets to include concrete curb, concrete sidewalk and bituminous pavement, together with the reconstruction of existing storm sewers, sanitary sewers and water mains, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Sections 429.011 to 429.111. The area proposed to be assessed for this improvement is the property abutting on these streets. The estimated cost of this improvement is \$1,080,000 a portion of which will be assessed. Such persons as desire to be heard with reference to the proposed improvement will be heard at this meeting.

Brian Fritsinger City Administrator

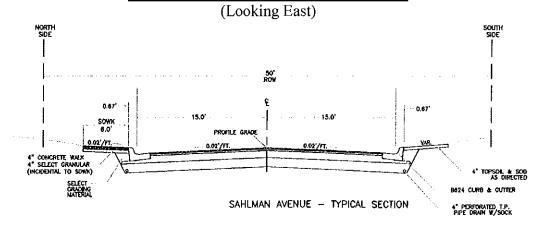
## 8<sup>th</sup> Street/Sahlman Avenue Project Area



## Proposed 8th Street Design Width



## Proposed Sahlman Avenue Design Width





## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

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March 17, 2015

Dear Brian Fritsinger, City Administrator:

Enclosed is the monthly financial report and cash and investment analysis for February 2015.

## **Cash and Investments**

Cash balances are 1% above February 2014. A narrative and several spreadsheets discussing this month's cash and investment activities, and balances are attached.

## **Budgets**

<u>Revenues/Transfers in</u> – Most are in line with budget. City sales tax is \$60,000 above budget. SAPPI water sales are \$62,000 above budget.

<u>Expenditures/Expenses</u> – Selected department and fund expenditures/expenses are analyzed on the following worksheets.

## Major Revenues and Expenditures/Expenses

## Revenues:

State of MN \$121,700 for municipal state aid (street maintenance) and \$119,100 for city sales tax. Cloquet Amateur Hockey Association \$52,000 for hockey area lease and \$12,300 for hockey area insurance.

## Expenditures/Expenses:

SEH \$29,400 for park design. Superior Computer Products \$11,100 for server upgrade and other computer maintenance. LHB Engineers and Architects \$7,400 for DNR pre design study. Ulland Brothers \$110,300 for gravel crushing.

If you have questions, please feel free to let me know.

Respectfully,

Nancy M. Klassen, CPA, CPFO

Finance Director

City of Cloquet
Select Departmental and Funds Expenditure/Expense Budget Report for February
2015

Fund	2014 Budget	YTD Expend/Expense Budget	YTD Expenditures/ Expenses	Over (Under) Budget	Over (Under) %
General					
Administration	334,200	40,650	44,303	3,653	9%
Finance	188,150	30,609	25,610	(4,998)	-16%
Law	95,000	15,833	10,856	(4,977)	-31%
Planning and Zoning	209,600	35,883	34,924	(959)	-3%
Police and training	2,332,400	415,067	371,640	(43,427)	-10%
Hwy, Streets & Rwy	926,000	182,367	249,281	66,914	37%
Library	501,450	85,408	80,945	(4,464)	-5%
Park	556,450	88,909	62,819	(26,089)	-29%
Water - LSWL	3,597,250	811,467	502,478	(308,989)	-38%
Water - In Town	1,653,600	182,375	124,781	(57,594)	-32%
Sewer	1,677,800	234,384	144,338	(90,045)	-38%
Storm Water	300,050	25,658	19,099	(6,560)	-26%
Cable TV	137,325	23,521	19,447	(4,074)	-17%

Note: Does not include transfers.

## Explanation of (over) budget \$10,000 & 10%.

- 1 New personnel not hired yet.
- 2 Gravel crushing for inventory of \$110,000. Lasts several years.
- 3 Late invoices for electricity and automatic controls project not started,
- 4 Distribution position not filled yet and late electricity invoice.
- 5 Late invoice for WLSSD.

Filename: Expenditure-expense budget report

## City of Cloquet Select Departmental and Funds Payroll Expenditure/Expense Budget Report as of February 2015

## Payroll Overtime

Fund	2013 Total	2014 Total	2015 Budget	YTD Expend/ Expense Budget	YTD Expenditures/ Expenses	Over (Under) Budget	(Over) Under %	
General	Victory)							
Police	145,849.73	138,357.25	63,000.00	10,500.00	21,621.77	11,121.77	106%	1
Hwy & St	34,049.86	51,578.33	21,500.00	3,583.33	3,798.35	215.02	6%	
Water - LSWL	37,473.06	49,244.62	30,500.00	5,083.33	8,892.09	3,808.76	75%	2
Water In Town	22,206.75	29,045.61	12,000.00	2,000.00	3,223.35	1,223.35	61%	2
Sewer	11,303.80	12,208.07	10,000.00	1,666.67	2,964.34	1,297.67	78%	2
Storm Water	5,473.21	6,835.74	2,500.00	416.67	421.39	4.72	1%	

## Explanation of (over) budget

- 1 Two new personnel not hired yet to bring down OT.
- 2 Water leaks and pumphouse OT.

Filename: Expenditure-expense budget report

## City of Cloquet Cash and Investments Management Summary February 28, 2015

## **Analysis of Portfolio**

Attached is a "Cash and Investment Analysis" which shows the type of accounts and values that make up the City's cash and investment portfolio.

## **Current Economics**

The economy is still on the slow but steady pace. Minnesota has fared better than the US averages in the Great Recession. The State has a positive forecast for the future. The February updated forecast shows an increased surplus for FY 2016-2017 of \$1.869 billion. Unemployment is at 5.5% for February.

The City's certified 2015 LGA will be approximately \$44,000 more than 2014 and the City increased its levy by 2.98% for 2015. There is talk in the legislation about diverting LGA for infrastructure projects and the opposite to restore LGA to its 2003 level.

Cloquet's .5% City sales tax actual receipts are coming in above budget. The City should be collecting approximately \$1 million a year.

## **Current Activity**

During the month of February CDs for \$480,000 and an agency for \$550,000 matured or where called. The proceeds plus investments matured in January where reinvested in CDs for \$480,000 and agencies for \$1 million. Attached is an "Investment Portfolio Analysis" with the detail of investments.

## Variance Analysis

Cash and investments are 1% above February 2014.

The federal benchmark interest rate is still 0% to .25%. The Federal Reserve increased the discount rate from .50% to .75% in February 2010. The federal benchmark rate is expected to stay the same through mid-2015. Attached is an "Interest Earnings Analysis" which details the average balances invested, rate of return, and prior year rates.

The budgeted interest earnings are \$282,800 for 2015, which is less than 2014. The City's investment annualized yield is approximately \$197,000 or 1.35% for 2015. The 2015 budget is based on the economy and interest rates increasing. Yellen is expected to be less adverse to inflation if it helps increases the economy and interest rates.

## **Other**

Goals for future – Yearly analysis report of cash balances, investments, and interest earnings (partially added to the annual report in 2007). More financial and cash flow planning in 2015 (as time permits).

## City of Cloquet Cash Balances February 2015

Fund #	Fund	Amount
101	General	4,575,104.54
201	LDO Loan (EDA)	203,758.82
202	Federal CDBG Loan (EDA)	823,950.24
203	Economic Development Loan (City)	156,347.75
204	State SCDG/MIF (EDA)	126,857.76
206	Revolving SCGP - Committed (EDA)	6,570.25
207	Community Development Operating (City)	12,163.90
207	CD Operating - Committed (City)	-
211	Library	100,386.43
220	TIF - Daqota/Woodward	396.57
221	TIF - 14th Street Apartments	(1,184.88)
222	TIF - Oak Street Apartments	26,774.39
224	Building Facilities Planning	815,800.00
225	Permanent improvement	1,056,883.93
226	Park	205,205.70
226	Park - Restricted - In Lieu	37,924.41
226	Park - Skate Park	2,640.85
228	Senior Center	(1,130.63)
231	Public Works Reserve	616,010.64
260	Landfill Host Fee - 25%	80,047.67
260	Landfill Host Fee - 75%	189,991.39
368	Business Park Bonds	1,388,193.61
370	Swimming Pond Bonds	17,633.06
403	Capital Projects - Revolving	(1,917,361.89)
405	City Sales Tax Capital Projects	1,750,611.67
600	Water - Lake Superior Waterline	1,020,334.19
600	Water - Lake Superior Waterline Debt	247,850.90
600	Water - Lake Superior Waterline Construction	385,790.33
601	Water	3,090,795.44
602	Sewer	1,679,311.46
605	Storm Water	237,273.89
614	Cable TV	266,146.91
701	Employee severance	692,932.24
905	Cloquet Area Fire District	1,277,991.82
	Total	19,172,003.36

## City of Cloquet Cash and Investment Anaylsis February 28, 2015

	Tentative					Last Year
DEMAND ACCOUNTS	Goals	2/28/2015	1/31/2015	12/31/2014	11/30/2014	2/28/2014
DEMAND ACCOUNTS	1					
Checking & MM & Savings	10%-15%	\$4,649,131.23 24%	\$5,345,216.92 28%	\$6,492,477.88 31%	\$3,623,221.94 20%	\$4,827,042.75 25%
INVESTMENTS						
Invested less than one year			1.31			
Certificates of Deposit		\$2,394,033.23	\$2,634,033.23	\$3,130,000.00	\$2,749,000.00	\$2,705,000.00
Municipal Bonds		\$1,083,096.67	\$831,961.67	\$1,096,794.42	\$1,096,794.42	\$998,896.81
Government Agencies		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total invested less than one year	50%-70%	\$3,477,129.90 18%	\$3,465,994.90 18%	\$4,226,794.42 20%	\$3,845,794.42 21%	\$3,703,896.81 20%
Invested one to three years						
Certificates of Deposit		\$2,833,000.00	\$2,833,000.00	\$2,833,000.00	\$2,765,000.00	\$2,169,000.00
Municipals		\$2,516,067.34	\$2,078,838.03	\$2,078,838.03	\$1,566,201.78	\$1,720,981.60
Government Agencies		\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	\$0.00
Total invested one to three years	10%-20%	\$5,849,067.34 31%	\$5,411,838.03 28%	\$5,411,838.03 26%	\$4,831,201.78 27%	\$3,889,981.60 21%
Invested over three years						
Certificates of Deposit		\$1,947,000.00	\$1,707,000.00	\$1,611,000.00	\$1,679,000.00	\$1,484,000.00
Municipal bonds		\$772,844.56	\$1,461,208.87	\$1,461,208.87	\$1,973,845.12	\$2,734,514.97
Government Agencies *		\$2,476,830.33	\$2,002,126.17	\$2,002,126.17	\$2,002,126.17	\$2,327,126.17
Total invested over three years	10%-20%	\$5,196,674.89 27%	\$5,170,335.04 27%	\$5,074,335.04 24%	\$5,654,971.29 31%	\$6,545,641.14 35%
Total	100%	\$19,172,003.36	\$19,393,384.89	\$21,205,445.37	\$17,955,189.43	\$18,966,562.30

**Current month variance** 

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## Note:

<sup>\* -</sup> Investments have call dates that are in the less than one year range.

## City of Cloquet Investment Portfolio Analysis Detail of Investments February 28, 2015

Brokerage	Purchase Date	Maurity Date	Time Held	Description	Amount	YTM Rate	Annualized Yield	Market Value
Invested less tha		Date	Heiu	Description	Amount	Nate	Held	value
Certificates of De								
Frandsen Bank	9/5/2013		18 months	Frandsen Bank	\$245,000.00	0.700%	\$1,715.00	\$245,000.0
Wells Fargo	12/10/2014			Citizens Bk of PA	\$245,000.00	0.300%	\$735.00	\$244,993.8
Wells Fargo	12/10/2014			Everbank FL	\$245,000.00	0.300%	\$735.00	\$244,988.0
Wells Fargo Wells Fargo	12/17/2014 12/16/2014			Santander BK First Niagara Bk	\$245,000.00 \$245,000.00	0.300%	\$735.00 \$735.00	\$244,986.7 \$244,895.1
Wells Fargo	12/19/2014			Berkshire Bk	\$245,000.00	0.450%	\$1,102.50	\$244,093.1
Smith Barney	7/18/2012			Ally Bank (form GMAC)	\$94,000.00	1.100%	\$1,034.00	\$94,225.6
UBS Financial	7/25/2012			Sallie Mae Bank UT	\$240,000.00	1.200%	\$2,880.00	\$240,696.0
Wells Fargo		7/29/2015		Medallion Bk	\$245,000.00	0.650%	\$1,592.50	\$245,205.5
Wells Fargo	12/31/2014			Bank of Holland	\$245,033.23	0.450%	\$1,102.65	\$245,248.4
Smith Barney	8/31/2011	8/31/2015	4 yrs	CIT Bk UT	\$100,000.00	1.450%	\$1,450.00	\$100,467.0
Municipals					\$2,394,033.23		\$13,816.65	\$2,395,706.1
Wells Fargo	2/5/2013			NY NY ULT GO	\$217,589.23	0.400%	\$870.36	\$195,715.6
Wells Fargo	2/5/2013	4/1/2015		NY NY ULT GO	\$340,331.88	0.400%	\$1,361.33	\$306,186.4
Wells Fargo	8/29/2012	7/1/2015		Philadelphia PA ISD	\$274,040.56	1.500%	\$4,110.61	\$252,602.5
Wells Fargo	1/30/2014	2/15/2016	3 yrs	Columbus OH Txbl	\$251,135.00	0.500%	\$1,255.68 \$7,597.97	\$250,457.5 \$1,004,962.1
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Wells Fargo	7/21/2014	7/21/2016		Citizens State Bank	\$245,000.00	0.650%	\$1,592.50	\$244,233.6
Smith Barney Wells Fargo	7/24/2013	7/25/2016		Discover Bk DE	\$100,000.00 \$245,000.00	1.100%	\$1,100.00	\$100,409.0
Smith Barney	7/31/2014 8/1/2012	7/29/2016 : 8/10/2016 :		Washington Trust Co Firstbank Santurce	\$245,000.00	0.700% 1.250%	\$1,715.00 \$3,062.50	\$244,458.0 \$247,040.8
Smith Barney	8/31/2011	8/31/2016		Goldman Sachs - UT	\$150,000.00	1.850%	\$2,775.00	\$152,103.0
JBS Financial	9/10/2014			Peoples United	\$240,000.00	0.850%	\$2,040.00	\$239,217.6
JBS Financial	9/12/2014	9/12/2016		Merrick	\$240,000.00	0.850%	\$2,040.00	\$239,323.2
Smith Barney	9/23/2011	9/23/2016		GE Money Bk UT	\$35,000.00	2.000%	\$700.00	\$35,576.4
Smith Barney	7/27/2012	9/27/2016		Doral Bank	\$245,000.00	1.250%	\$3,062.50	\$247,315.2
Smith Barney	9/30/2013	9/30/2016		BMW Bk - UT	\$80,000.00	1.150%	\$920.00	\$80,316.0
Smith Barney		11/14/2016	3 yrs	Ally Bank (form GMAC)	\$150,000.00	1.100%	\$1,650.00	\$150,514.5
Smith Barney	6/8/2012	6/8/2017		World Financial DE	\$200,000.00	1.850%	\$3,700.00	\$202,896.0
Smith Barney	6/22/2012	6/22/2017		St Bank of India NY	\$245,000.00	2.000%	\$4,900.00	\$248,726.4
Vells Fargo	7/24/2014			American Express Fed Sv	\$245,000.00	1.150%	\$2,817.50	\$244,126.8
JBS Financial		10/19/2017		Boston Prvt B&T MA	\$100,000.00	1.000%	\$1,000.00	\$99,046.0
Smith Barney	11/25/2013	11/24/2017	4 yrs	Comenity Bk UT	\$68,000.00 \$2,833,000.00	1.400%	\$952.00 \$34,027.00	\$68,345.4 \$2,843,648.2
Municipals					\$2,033,000.00		φ54,027.00	\$2,040,040.2
Nells Fargo	7/30/2012	6/1/2016		Des Moines IA	\$180,678.60	0.750%	\$1,355.09	\$180,410.4
Wells Fargo	12/6/2013	12/1/2016		Minneapolis MN	\$207,581.33	0.750%	\$1,556.86	\$204,632.0
Wells Fargo	11/4/2010	2/1/2017		Bloomington MN BAB	\$202,324.00	2.100%	\$4,248.80	\$205,286.0
Vells Fargo	1/7/2009	2/1/2017		Osseo MN ISD 279	\$218,141.70	5.400%	\$11,779.65	\$229,880.7
Vells Fargo	1/31/2014	3/1/2017		Menomonie WI Txbl	\$340,204.15	0.970%	\$3,299.98	\$332,649.9
Wells Fargo JBS Financial	9/4/2014	4/1/2017		St Francis MN ISD	\$166,137.00	0.900%	\$1,495.23	\$158,916.0
Nells Fargo	12/1/2010	12/1/2017 1 2/1/2018 4		Stamford CT Anoka County MN	\$512,636.25 \$567,323.75	2.759% 1.480%	\$14,143.63 \$8,396.39	\$528,535.0 \$546,060.0
Wells Fargo	7/26/2012	2/1/2018		North Branch MN ISD 138	\$121,040.56	1.260%	\$1,525.11	\$110,858.0
ivelis raigo	712012012	2/1/2010	0 1/2 yis	NOITH BIANCH WIN 13D 130	\$2,516,067.34	1.20070	\$47,800.76	\$2,497,228.0
Government Age Wells Fargo	7/17/2014	7/17/2017	3 ure	FHLMC	\$500,000.00	1.125%	\$5,625.00	\$500,603.5
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Smith Barney	3/12/2014	3/14/2018	4 yrs	GE Capital Ret BK UT	\$210,000.00	1.500%	\$3,150.00	\$209,586.3
Smith Barney	5/8/2013	5/8/2018	5 yrs	CIT Bk UT	\$145,000.00	1.200%	\$1,740.00	\$143,754.4
Smith Barney	6/28/2013	6/28/2018		BMW Bk - UT	\$96,000.00	1.650%	\$1,584.00	\$94,947.8
Smith Barney	10/2/2013	10/2/2018		Discover Bk DE	\$145,000.00	2.050%	\$2,972.50	\$146,310.8
mith Barney		10/29/2018		Bank Baroda NY	\$245,000.00	2.050%	\$5,022.50	\$246,051.0
JBS Financial	4/16/2014	4/16/2019		Wells Fargo	\$240,000.00	1.000%	\$2,400.00	\$239,736.0
Smith Barney	4/29/2014	4/29/2019		Barclays Bk DE	\$45,000.00	1.900%	\$855.00	\$44,996.4
Smith Barney		10/16/2019 5		Capital One Bank VA Goldman Sachs - UT	\$245,000.00	2.150%	\$5,267.50	\$244,804.0
Smith Barney JBS Financial	1/28/2015 2/27/2015	1/28/2020 5		Private Bank & Tr IL	\$96,000.00	2.048% 1.750%	\$1,966.08 \$4,200.00	\$96,092.1
JBS Financial	2/27/2015	2/27/2020 5		JP Morgan Chase DE	\$240,000.00 \$240,000.00	2.000%	\$4,200.00	\$238,752.0 \$238,879.2
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Municipals								
Vells Fargo	10/7/2010	8/1/2018 8		U of M Build America	\$260,748.16	2.700%	\$7,040.20	\$262,487.5
JBS Financial	12/4/2012	11/1/2018		NY City Transition	\$360,038.40	1.280%	\$4,608.49	\$359,002.8
Vells Fargo	12/1/2010	12/21/2018 8	o yrs	Weston WS BAB	\$152,058.00 \$772,844.56	3.550%	\$5,398.06 \$17,046.75	\$159,805.5 \$781,295.8
Sovernment Age								
Smith Barney	7/30/2014	7/30/2020 6		FHLB	\$175,000.00	1.350%	\$2,362.50	\$175,351.7
JBS Financial	2/25/2015	2/25/2021		FHLB	\$500,000.00	1.000%	\$5,000.00	\$497,250.0
Carata D	9/7/2012	9/7/2022		FHLB	\$500,000.00	1.500%	\$7,500.00	\$498,910.0
		12/19/2022		FHLB	\$299,997.00	1.500%	\$4,499.96	\$295,341.0
mith Barney			III WEC	FHLB	\$500,000.00	2.000%	\$10,000.00	\$499,500.0
Smith Barney Smith Barney	3/27/2013	3/27/2023						
Smith Barney Smith Barney	3/27/2013 2/20/2015	5/22/2023 8		FHLB	\$501,833.33	1.500%	\$7,527.50	\$500,610.0
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Note: Market value fluctuates based on current rates being offered. No principal is at risk if securities are held to maturity. Filename: Monthly Report - Investment Detail

## City of Cloquet Interest Earnings Analysis Month Ending February 2015

Туре	%	Invested Balance	Interest	Rate of Return
Money Markets	8%	\$1,410,560.10	\$28.13	0.03%
Savings	9%	\$1,566,535.85	\$180.27	0.15%
CD's*	42%	\$6,985,461.80	\$5,867.24	1.09%
Municipals*	26%	\$4,372,008.57	\$5,345.39	1.59%
Government agencies*	15%	\$2,490,119.77	\$2,718.70	1.42%
Total Investment Return*	82%	\$13,847,590.14	\$13,931.33	1.31%
Total Return	100%	\$16,824,686.09	\$14,139.73	1.10%

Earnings Comparison	Budget	Y	TD Budget	YTD Actual
2015 Interest Earnings	\$ 282,800.00	\$	47,133.33	\$30,488.32
2014 Interest Earnings	\$ 453,000.00	\$	75,500.00	\$33,715.53
2013 Interest Earnings	\$ 332,500.00	\$	55,416.67	\$37,167.10

January 2015	February 2014	February 2013
1.02%	1.33%	1.31%
1.32%	1.66%	1.63%

Filename: Monthly Report - Interest Earnings Analysis 2015

## Monthly report of February 2014

## City of Cloquet

		Permits	
Туре	Number Issued	Value	Amount
ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT	1	6 880.00	142.69
BUILDING PERMIT ADDITION OR REMODEL	4	170 827.00	2 510.97
Demo - Residential	1	0.00	55.00
PLUMBING	4	0.00	210.00
Total	10	177 707.00	2 918.66

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## Monthly report of February 2015

## City of Cloquet

Туре	Permits					
туре	Number Issued	Value	Amount			
ADMIN COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	1	22 276.00	610.50			
ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT	6	67 100.00	1 083.55			
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	2 477.80			

DATE: March 13, 2015

CONTACT: Debra Shaff

**Executive Director** 

TO: Carlton County Media

PHONE: 218-879-3352

EMAIL: cloquethra2@qwestoffice.net

RE: POHP Award

Minnesota Housing approved funding awards to make urgent safety and energy conservation improvements to the public housing buildings managed by the Cloquet & Carlton Housing & Redevelopment Authority.

A total of \$1,019,000 was awarded to the two housing authority's. These funding awards are part of the record level of support for affordable housing energy conservation improvements to the state's aging public housing stock. These funding awards were approved by the Legislature and Governor Dayton in the 2014 bonding bill.

Public housing is home to many families, individuals with disabilities and seniors with extremely low incomes. Woodland Pines and Aspen Arms are both over 40 years of age. Both building have been very well maintained over the years – but the infrastructure is dated and beginning to fail.

The capital fund dollars received from HUD annually are dwindling rapidly and the costs to replace larger ticket items are prohibitive. Debra Shaff – Executive Director stated that the Cloquet and Carlton Housing Authority have in the past year completed a green physical needs assessment that outlined and described the needed capital improvements in the next twenty years. These improvements totaled over \$5 million.

Shaff stated that the funds received from Minnesota Housing will be utilized to replace boilers, elevators, fire alarm panels, plumbing and some electrical in both buildings.

In the state this funding will allow 35 public housing developments – 9 in the metro area and 26 in Greater Minnesota – to replace original windows, boilers, elevators and other critical infrastructure items that have fallen into disrepair". "These awards will safeguard our state's important public housing stock for decades to come," said Minnesota Housing Commissioner Mary Tingerthal. "Although we know the demand outweighed the available resources, this is an important step in keeping residents secure in their homes."

Minnesota Housing received requests totaling more \$54 million, three times the available funding, for 79 developments. These awards will fund 35 developments with a total of 2,438 units and add to the 2012 investment of \$5.5 million to help improve similar developments.

"Public housing ensures low-income seniors, families, and individuals have a safe and affordable place to call home. Public housing options are critical for communities across the state and these funds will make sure public housing, from Austin to Ely is maintained today and into future," Randal Hemmerlin, Executive Director of the Red Wing HRA and President of the Minnesota Chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO).



March 12, 2015

Dear Perch Lake Township Resident,

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to a meeting held on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>April 1</u>, <u>2015</u> at the <u>Perch Lake Township Hall at 6:30 pm</u>. This invitation is being sent to 49 Perch Lake Town residences that live within 500 feet of a proposed sewer line. For over two years the proposed Big Lake Area sewer system has proposed running a sewer line along Big Lake Road through Perch Lake Township and into the City of Cloquet in order to connect to the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District.

The Big Lake Area Sanitary District (BLASD) invites you to discuss the possibility of hooking up your residence or business to this sewer line. Some of you attended a meeting at Perch Lake Town Hall in December regarding this subject. We are very pleased by the support for the project that many Perch Lake Township residents expressed at that time. An additional meeting is needed as we are applying for federal funds and the application deadline is getting near. We need to determine the total number of voluntary hook-ups for the system.

We will be holding a public informational meeting for all property owners along Big Lake Road and Ditchbank Road, within Perch Lake Township, but not within the Big Lake Area Sanitary District. If you are interested in a voluntary connection to the sanitary sewer system you will want to attend this meeting.

At this meeting, our district engineer will provide the total project cost and our best approximation of the total individual costs. Please make every effort to attend this meeting if you are interested in connecting to the sanitary sewer system. If you are unable to attend the meeting but are still interested, please contact our district engineer at the contact information listed below. They will send you the information as well as necessary connection request forms that need to be completed.

We want to be very clear that you will only be allowed to connect to this sewer line if a written agreement is worked out between Perch Lake Township and the Big Lake Area Sanitary District. This agreement has not yet been hammered out but both parties are working hard to come to an agreement.

If you do not attend the public meeting or contact us individually, your address will be removed from our mailing list and you will no longer receive project information.

## Theresa Sunde Government Relations Manager



Via Mail

March 11, 2015

Dear Community Official,

WGN America has made the decision to convert from a superstation to a cable network. Therefore, on or around April 15, 2015, Mediacom will be moving WGN America from Local Plus TV to Digital Family TV. WGN America will only be available in a digital format using a digital-ready TV or a Mediacom digital converter or adapter. Customers may need to rescan or auto program their televisions. WGN America HD will require a HD converter or adapter.

Customers will be notified of these changes via bill message.

To see the changes WGN America is making to better serve the interests of its national audience, please visit WGNAmerica.com.

Current Local Plus	New Digital Family	New Digital Ready	New Service Level
Channel	Channel	TV Channel	
12	53	54-25	Digital Family TV

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 507-837-4878 or email me at tsunde@mediacomcc.com.

Sincerely,

Theresa Sunde