



# City Administrator's Weekly Update

Week Ending June 5, 2015

## MEETING SCHEDULE

**June 9, 7:00 pm**  
Planning Commission  
City Hall

**June 16, 5:30 pm**  
Council Work Session  
City Hall

**June 16, 7:00 pm**  
City Council Meeting  
City Hall

**June 17, 4:30 pm**  
Cable Commission  
CAT-7 Studios

**June 17, 6:00 pm**  
CAFD Board  
Station 2—Scanlon

**June 23, 7:00 pm**  
Planning Commission  
Meeting Cancelled

**June 30, 4:15 pm**  
Library Board

**July 3**  
City Offices Closed

**July 6, 4:30 pm**  
Parks Commission  
City Hall

**July 7, 5:30 pm**  
Council Work Session  
City Hall

**July 7, 7:00 pm**  
City Council Meeting  
City Hall

## ADMINISTRATION

### PERSONNEL

Advertising for the Street Maintenance Person position closed last week and the Parks Maintenance Person position today. The City has received about 30 applications. We received the resignation of Cody Crawford this week so we will be looking for one additional Parks Maintenance Person when I start reviewing the applications.

Staff also was involved with labor negotiations with the CAFD Battalion Chiefs and responding to an employee grievance from the Teamsters.

### CITY COUNCIL RETREAT

Supervisory staff met this past week with the City's facilitator to continue development of action steps to implement the priorities identified by the Council at its retreat in April. We are in the process of getting everything cleaned up in terms of the actions and will get the final product out to the Council and posted on the website in the near future.

### MURAL

The Library Board has discussed the idea of the historic mural and is supporting it being located at the Library. I'll learn more over the next week as to whether or not the City itself will need to take any action on the Arts Board grant application.

### CLEAN UP DAY

Just a reminder that Saturday is Clean Up Day. Staff will be busy working and assisting residents with Clean Up Day at the Shamrock Landfill tomorrow.

## PUBLIC WORKS / PARKS

### FLOWER PLANTERS

The crew installed the brackets and flower planters along Cloquet Avenue and the West End this week. We've learned a few things in terms of timing and ordering of the flowers for the planters. The City has received some positive feedback already from the community. In future years, the flowers will need to be ordered in November/December to allow us to obtain the larger more fully grown pots. Being that this is the first year we've tried this, let us know your thoughts to help us plan for future years.

### 8TH STREET RECONSTRUCTION

The construction project is underway with the sanitary sewer work in the L& M parking lot being the first item of attention.

### HWY 33/I-35 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS

Motorists traveling through the Highway 33/ Interstate 35 ramp intersection in Cloquet will notice that a new "YOUR SPEED IS" sign and other safety improvements installed by MnDOT.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### MISCELLANEOUS

- ◇ Staff attended a full day of training related to the SCDP grant award. This is mandated by the State in order to accept the grant monies.
- ◇ Some efforts to step up nuisance ordinance complaints is taking place between the PD and Community Development Notices were sent to about 100 residents.

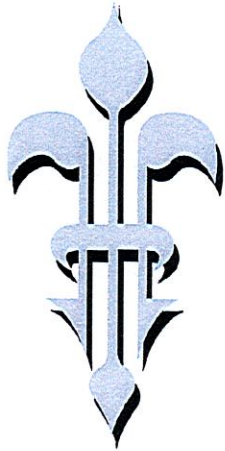
*"Some of us think holding on makes us strong; but sometimes it is letting go." - Hermann Hesse, German-Swiss Writer and Poet*

## OTHER INFORMATION ATTACHED

Attached the Council will find the following:

- Notice of Pay Equity Compliance
- May 20, 2015 Letter from Jeannine Nordin
- May Permit Report
- April 28, 2015 Library Board Meeting Minutes

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# *Notice of Pay Equity Compliance*

*Presented to*

*Cloquet*

for successfully meeting the requirements of the Local Government Pay Equity Act M.S. 471.991 - 471.999 and Minnesota rules Chapter 3920. This notice is a result of an official review by Minnesota Management & Budget and your 2015 pay equity report.

Your cooperation in complying with the local government pay equity requirements is greatly appreciated.

June 01, 2015

Date

Myron Frans, Commissioner

## Monthly report of May 2014

## City of Cloquet

Type	Permits		
	Number Issued	Value	Amount
ADDITION/REMODEL COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL	1	2 200.00	0.00
ADMIN COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	1	10 900.00	200.70
ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT	16	121 026.00	2 452.28
BUILDING NEW RESIDENTIAL	1	309 000.00	3 560.35
BUILDING PERMIT ADDITION OR REMODEL	4	231 960.00	3 297.86
BUILDING PERMIT DECK	1	2 800.00	124.65
BUILDING PERMIT NEW GARAGE	2	34 344.00	646.27
Demo - Accessory	2	0.00	60.00
Demo - Residential	1	0.00	50.00
GRADING PERMIT	1	0.00	25.00
PLUMBING	5	0.00	205.00
SIGN	3	0.00	239.00
ZONING - FENCE PERMIT	3	0.00	80.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>712 230.00</b>	<b>10 941.11</b>

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## Monthly report of May 2015

## City of Cloquet

Type	Permits		
	Number Issued	Value	Amount
ADMIN COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	1	574 000.00	3 872.25
ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT	8	34 880.00	718.84
BUILDING NEW RESIDENTIAL	1	65 000.00	821.25
BUILDING PERMIT ADDITION OR REMODEL	2	37 400.00	673.20
BUILDING PERMIT DECK	5	23 800.00	746.80
BUILDING PERMIT NEW GARAGE	5	74 167.00	1 374.34
Demo - Accessory	2	0.00	60.00
GRADING PERMIT	1	0.00	25.00
MECHANICAL PERMIT	1	0.00	85.00
PLUMBING	7	0.00	465.00
REROOF OR RESIDE	17	0.00	1 785.00
ZONING - Accessory Building Site Location	3	0.00	75.00
ZONING - FENCE PERMIT	7	0.00	175.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>809 247.00</b>	<b>10 876.68</b>

May 20, 2015

Cloquet City Council  
1307 Cloquet Avenue  
Cloquet, MN 55720

RE: Dog Ordinance

Dear Mayor & City Council:

I am writing to discuss a couple of recent incidences with a dog (Pitt Bull) attacking my dogs. I cannot recall the exact dates but in both instances we did call the police so this should be a matter of public record. In both instances our dogs were not seriously harmed. This was more due to my husband arriving quickly on the scene & literally holding the dog at bay. I was not home on the first occasion but I was in the yard on the second one.

After the first incidence I waited a few days, then I went to the police station where I was assured I will be notified as to how the situation would be handled. I to date have never heard anything back.

The Pitt Bulls again got loose the following Sunday & headed directly to our yard but as luck would have it, our dogs were in the house. So no harm but it was obvious these dogs are not being properly confined.

The last incidence happened when I was in the yard & again the Pitt got loose. He/She immediately headed to our house where our dogs (Yorkies) were tied up. There was no where for them to go because of being tied. They were screaming so loudly I was sure they were badly hurt. They were not. My husband heard my screams, came running & again removed the Pitt from our dogs. The police were called & as pleasant as the officer was, we were informed that dogs attack other dogs – that is just in their nature. However if our dogs were hurt we would be able to go after the people in Civil Court. The owners of the dog indicated they would be removing the dog on May 7<sup>th</sup>. I do not know if that has happened or not. Neighbors have said this has not happened.

My reason for writing this letter is to find out what our rights are when there is a leash law in this town and, there is obviously a dog in our neighborhood that attacks other dogs. Do we just wait for one or more of our dogs to get killed & then deal with Civil Court? What about our little grandson if he is outside when this dog decides to attack our dogs? Do we just tell his parents if he gets hurt that dogs will be dogs & it is in their nature to attack other dogs and oh by the way, your son just happened to be in the way when this happened?

We have previously lost one of our dogs to two malamutes that got loose. As much as we were upset my real issue here is the safety to the public (children).

Why can't something more be done when there is an animal attacking other animals? What are our rights? If this happens again, I don't know if the dog will be held for police because so far other than telling us there is nothing they can do, we don't really see the point in calling.

I also want you all to just stop & think if your little grandchild/child would be playing in your yard when you know there is a Pitt Bull out there attacking other animals- what exactly would you want done? Do you truly just want to take someone to Civil Court after an incident or try to prevent a tragedy?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeannine A. Nordin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

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605 Maple Street  
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218-879-2977

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

DATE: **TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2015**

TIME: **4:15 p.m.**

PLACE: **CLOQUET PUBLIC LIBRARY**

MISSION STATEMENT:

***The Cloquet Public Library contributes to a democratic and engaged community by providing a welcoming space, stimulating imagination, and supporting children's literacy.***

Agenda

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- III. APPROVAL OF BILLS
- IV. NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - Blandin Broadband grant application
  - Building discussion
  - Other
- V. LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

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382 ebooks and 285 downloadable audiobooks were checked out by Cloquet patrons in March. The library checked out 9,680 items in March and public computers were accessed through Cybrarian 1,620 times. Ancestry Library Edition was searched 2,080 times with 690 images and 582 text downloaded in March. Newsbank was accessed 3 times. Our web page had 3,916 sessions according to Google Analytics.

Reminder: The Foundation has a couple of fundraisers coming up. There will be a quilt raffle as part of the One Book One Community project. The Pine Needle Quilters generously donated a quilt for the raffle. The drawing will be at noon on April 28. Linda LeGarde Grover will draw the winning ticket. There will be a quilt show at the library during the day. The other fundraiser is a craft show this summer, on the library lawn, on Friday, June 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Friends of the Library Book Sale is on May 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

I have been working on an application for a Blandin Community Broadband grant that would include Carlton and Moose Lake libraries. The intent is to have the three libraries as Wi-Fi hot spots and offer instruction in app technology through the use of iPads.

Upcoming programs:

Saturday, April 25, 3 p.m., Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College auditorium. Film screening and local première: *The Jingle Dress*, introduced by film director William Eigen. A northern Minnesota Native American family leaves their reservation to start a new life in Minneapolis. Free.

Tuesday, April 28, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Cloquet-area quilters will display their craft, tell stories behind the quilts, and demonstrate quilting techniques. If you'd like to bring a quilt with a story to tell, please contact the Cloquet Public Library at 218-879-1531. Raffle drawing for quilt at Noon, with Linda LeGarde Grover.

Friday, May 1, 3:30 p.m. - Straw Bale Gardens presented by author Joel Karsten.

Monday, May 11, 6 p.m. Former Cloquet native and author Tim Jollymore discusses his novel Listener in the Snow, a mystery blending Native American and Finnish traditions in northern Minnesota.

I will be attending the City Council and Department Head retreat on April 24 and 25.

I will be taking some vacation time on May 2, 15, and 22.