



City Administrator's Weekly Update

Week Ending November 13, 2015

Upcoming Events

November 17, 5:30 pm
Council Work Session
City Hall

November 17, 7:00 pm
City Council Meeting
City Hall

November 18, 6:00 pm
CAFD
Station 1

November 24, 4:15 pm
Library Board
Cloquet Library

November 26
Thanksgiving
City Hall Closed

November 27
City Hall Closed

December 1, 5:30 pm
Council Work Session
City Hall

December 1, 7:00 pm
City Council Meeting
City Hall

December 2, 8:00 am
EDA Meeting
City Hall

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ADMINISTRATION

PERSONNEL

Several meetings with representatives from the Local Labor Unit were held this week to discuss various issues.

As you no doubt know, the City has been experiencing problems with our service provider in regards to the Employee Service Portal. We are still actively working with them to resolve the issue of not being able to view employee pay stubs online. We hope to have the problem corrected very soon. Keep checking!

HEALTH INSURANCE OPEN ENROLLMENT

It is open enrollment time for the AFSCME and non-union health insurance plans. The Summary of Benefits Coverage (SBC) and renewal documents are posted on the City website and will be hand delivered to each employee. Enrollment will run through December 7, 2015. If you did not receive a copy please be sure to stop by City Hall and let us know.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS CELEBRATION

The City's Event Coordinator continues to work on a variety of activities to enhance this community celebration. City staff has been actively assisting by repairing the Christmas lighting decorations that have been donated to the celebration, as well as putting them up around Dunlap Island. The crew has also set up a couple of outdoor pond hockey rinks on the Island with the hopes that the weather cooperates and we can have some ice skating and hockey playing as part of the celebration.

Community Development

HOUSING

Another meeting with Carlton County, HRA and City staff took place this week to continue discussions on the community housing challenges. The County is going to be taking part in legislative activity to try and assist the process. The HRA will continue to work on opportunities related to the development of its parcel of property and another development opportunity in the same area.

PLANNING

The Planning Commission met this week and approved the changes in the Kuklis Plat located off of 18th Street. The Council will consider this at its next meeting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Staff met with Northspan and the Northland Connection this week to chat about how the City might be able to better tap into business development leads in the region. Contacts from prospective businesses have been down over the summer and the City wants to make sure it can position itself to identify prospective businesses.

Public Works/Parks

MISCELLANEOUS

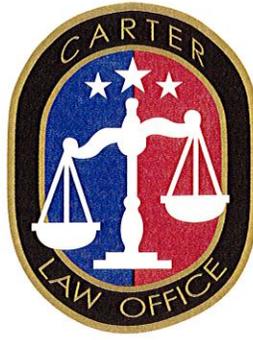
The crew has been busy, as weather permits, working on a variety of street milling projects and pot hole filling. Hopefully the weather will not completely turn and we will still have time to fill more of the pothole areas in town before winter sets in.



"Show class, have pride and display character. If you do, winning takes care of itself."

*-- Bear Bryant,
football coach*

OTHER INFORMATION ATTACHED:
* 11/05/15 Carter correspondence
* 11/13/15 Thank you letter



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November 5, 2015

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RE: City of Cloquet Criminal Prosecution Contract

Dear Mr. Fritsinger:

Thank you for your response of October 27th to my inquiry regarding the City Prosecution contract. Pursuant to your letter, I understand that the city will not be seeking bids for this contract in the near future. I want to be very clear that my intent in writing to you was to determine the status of the current contract. I realize that the City has been working with the Rudy office for many years, and I know that this firm does outstanding work in that capacity. I have had the pleasure of working with the Rudy office both as a former prosecutor and as a defense attorney and I hold their work in high regard, as does the local legal community.

In the future, should the Rudy office desire to be relieved of this contract, I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to submit a proposal for prosecution services to the City. The City may be interested in options such as expanding prosecution services to include mandatory legal training updates for the Police Department, or perhaps assistance in exploration of grant opportunities. I feel that my experience would make me uniquely qualified to offer a competitive bid to the City for this contract in the future.

Again, I appreciate your time in responding to my request. I hope to hear from you again in the future. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Nichole J. Carter

Cc: City Council, City of Cloquet
Steve Stracek, Chief of Police

TO THE HARD WORKERS: 11-13-15

TO THE CITY WORKERS
WHO CLEANED UP THE
"WELCOME" SIGN AT THE
EAST END OF TOWN. ~~THE~~
THE CLOQUET SIGN NEVER
CALLED FOR A LEAF BEARING
TREE. ——— THANK YOU FOR
GETTING RID OF THAT WEED.

YOU ALL DO GOOD HARD WORK
I THANK YOU. GOOD JOB.

IF IT WAS UP TO ME. I'D GIVE
YOU, NOT ONLY A PAT ON THE BACK,
BUT ALSO AN, ATTA BOY/GIRL...
HECK I'D EVEN GIVE YOU A COKE
AND A SMILE, BUT...
SINCE I'M POOR. YOU'LL JUST
HAVE TO SETTLE WITH THE
SMILE AND A HAND WRITTEN
THANK YOU.

P.S. I PROMISE TO KEEP MY
NEW SIDEWALK CLEAN.

THANK YOU CITY
WORKERS.

JERRY / ROOSTER.
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