

CLOQUET CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Wednesday, August 8, 2018

Present: Bjerckness, Kolodge, Langley, Maki, Rock, Wyman, Mayor Hallback

Absent: None

Staff: Reeves, Barclay, Klassen, Anderson, Peterson, Palmer

Others: D. Hinzmann, SEH; J. Peterson, Pine Journal; D. Gentilini, CAHA

City Hall Summer Hours Update

City Administrator Reeves updated the Council on the status of City Hall's summer hours. Very few complaints have been received from the public and contractors like the earlier hours. Mr. Reeves will ask staff if there is any interest in extending these hours past Labor Day.

Northwoods Arena Update

Dan Hinzmann of SEH presented the final building condition assessment report on the Northwoods Credit Union Arena. The assessment prioritizes improvements that range from immediate concerns to new code requirements. Mr. Reeves has been working with the Cloquet Area Hockey Association (CAHA) on what is the best way to handle long term maintenance and upkeep of the arena.

Mr. Reeves recommends that the city take over ownership and maintenance responsibilities but continue with CAHA handling the operations. Other options include the city taking over operations and maintenance, or to do nothing and allow CAHA to remain as owner/operator and the city provide funding as requested for repairs. If the council chooses the first option, there will be an agreement between the city and CAHA stating the city has control of the facility but CAHA will handle operations. The council agreed to have Mr. Reeves move forward with the first option and come back to the council with further details.

Preliminary Budget Review

Dan Hinzmann of SEH gave a detailed review of the 2019 Capital Improvement Plan and report based on information compiled of data and information collected in the field and from staff. Street and utility improvements were the primary focus. A map was provided showing the 5-year CIP major street and utility projects by year. Mr. Hinzmann explained the CIP is aimed to anticipate major capital improvements so they can be budgeted over a period of several years; enable the proper scheduling of various projects; coordination between city departments and citizens impacted by the project; and finally, enable a forecast and anticipate needed maintenance projects so the investment in the infrastructure can be preserved.

Other Discussion

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Reeves
City Administrator