

Regular Meeting

Roll Call

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

Councilors Absent: Rock

Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Wyman moved and Councilor Maki seconded the motion to approve the August 21, 2018 agenda. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

MINUTES

MOTION: Councilor Kolodge moved and Councilor Langley seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of August 8, 2018, and the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 16, 2018. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Bjerckness moved and Councilor Wyman seconded the motion to adopt the consent agenda of August 21, 2018. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

- a. Resolution No. 18-57, Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills
- b. Update of Purchasing Policy / Competitive Bidding Requirements
- c. Temporary On-Sale Intoxicating Liquor License – Hospital Gala

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 8 - ANIMALS

MOTION: Councilor Wyman moved and Councilor Langley seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance No. 474A, an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 8 – Animals. The motion carried (5-1), Councilor Kolodge opposed.

Section 1. City Code Amendment. That the Cloquet City Code, be amended by replacing Subdivision 10, titled “Running at Large.” In Section 8.1.01 of Chapter 8, with the following:

Subd. 10 Running at Large. "At Large" shall be intended to mean off the premises of the owner and not under the control of the owner or a member of his or her immediate family either by leash, cord, chain or otherwise. No person owning, keeping or harboring an animal shall permit the animal to run at large. For the purposes of this section, an animal shall be deemed to be running at large:

- A. When the animal commits damage to the property of anyone other than the owner or injury to the person of anyone other than the owner, except in defense of the animal's owner or the owner's family.

Section 2. City Code Amendment. That the Cloquet City Code, be amended by replacing Section 8.2.06, titled “Running at Large Prohibited.” In Chapter 8, with the following:

8.2.06 Running at Large Prohibited. No owner or keeper of any dog shall negligently or intentionally permit the animal to run at large, as that term is defined in Subd. 10 of Section 8.1.01, within the City of Cloquet. Given the potentially serious public health and safety concerns, it is the

City’s intent that with respect to the application of this section that the standard of negligence to be applied in considering a violation will be that of ordinary negligence as is required in a civil action.

Section 3. City Code Amendment. That the Cloquet City Code, be amended by repealing Section 8.2.01, titled “Dog and Cat Licenses Required.” and replacing Section 8.2.02, titled “Tag and Collar.”, both of Chapter 8, as follows:

8.2.01 Repealed.

8.2.02 ID Tag/Micro-chip. It is unlawful for any person to keep, harbor or maintain a dog, cat or ferret over the age of four months unless it has an ID tag, to be worn at all times, that has on it the owner’s name and contact information, including a valid telephone number, or unless it is micro-chipped with the micro-chip data contact information kept up to date. However, if the animal is harbored or kept on the premises of a recognized Humane Society shelter or pet store it need not have an ID tag or be micro-chipped.

Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication in accordance with law.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This ordinance amends the definition of “Running at Large” to only apply to animals causing damage to property or injury to persons other than the owner while at large, and changes the requirement for the licensing of dogs and cats to requiring identification information in the form of an ID tag or micro-chip.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dan Leslie, Board Chair of Animal Allies, addressed the Council clarifying the number of animals taken in since working with the City and also what services the administrative fee covers. Mr. Leslie also stated he is glad the city is still working to find a solution.

COUNCIL COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND UPDATES

There were none.

On a motion duly carried by a unanimous yea vote of all members present on roll call, the Council adjourned.

Aaron Reeves, City Administrator