

Regular Meeting

Roll Call

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

Councilors Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Rock moved and Wyman seconded the motion to approve the December 18, 2018 agenda. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

MINUTES

MOTION: Councilor Wyman moved and Councilor Rock seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 4, 2018. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Kolodge moved and Councilor Langley seconded the motion to remove item 5.c., 2019 Water and Sewer User Fees from the Consent Agenda and add to Council Business as item 8.e. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

MOTION: Councilor Kolodge moved and Councilor Bjerckness seconded the motion to adopt the amended Consent Agenda of December 18, 2018 approving the necessary motions and resolutions. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

- a. Resolution No. 18-93, Authorizing the Payment of Bills
- b. Resolution No. 18-94, Calling Redemption of Certain Outstanding Bonds Series 2010A
- c. Deferment of Special Assessments for Naomi Trautt
- d. Legislative Assistance Agreement
- e. Cloquet MCPP 2019 Application
- f. Adoption of the 2019 City Council Meeting Calendar
- g. Resolution No. 18-95 Identifying Polling Sites for 2019 Special Election
- h. Approval of Remaining 2019 Business License Renewals
- i. Resolution No. 18-98, A Resolution Approving Exempt Permit to Conduct a Raffle Event at Queen of Peace Parish
- j. Approval of Optional Liquor 2AM License – Northeastern Saloon & Grille

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor Hallback announced that now is the time and place for the public hearing on ordering improvement and preparation of plans and specifications for the Pine Tree Plaza frontage road improvements.

Mike Halverson, District Manager of Pizza Hut, addressed the Council stating they are happy to see the of utility replacement due to the issues they have had, but not in favor of the frontage road improvements as it has no benefit to them.

Tim Klineman of Super One stated they are in support of the project and appreciate the city's efforts to get it done. They will assist in working through any nuances while the project is being done.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Hallback closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Councilor Wyman moved and Councilor Bjerckness seconded the motion to adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 18-96, RESOLUTION ORDERING IMPROVEMENT AND PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE PINE TREE PLAZA FRONTAGE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS.** The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

WHEREAS, A resolution of the Council adopted November 20, 2018, set a date for a Council hearing on the proposed improvement; and

WHEREAS, Ten days mailed notice and two weeks published notice of the hearing was given and the hearing was held thereon on December 18, 2018, at which time all persons desiring to be heard were given an opportunity to be heard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLOQUET, MINNESOTA:

1. Such improvement is necessary, cost effective, and feasible as detailed in the City's feasibility study.
2. The City Engineer is hereby designated as the engineer for this improvement and shall prepare plans and specifications for the making of such improvement.
3. Such improvement is hereby ordered and the City Engineer is hereby authorized to solicit bids for construction.

PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

2019 SEWER EXTENSION ON WASHINGTON AVENUE

MOTION: Councilor Kolodge moved and Councilor Bjerkness seconded the motion to adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 18-90, A RESOLUTION ORDERING IMPROVEMENT AND PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR PROPOSED 2019 SEWER EXTENSINO ALONG WASHINGTON AVENUE FROM 14TH STREET TO 12 STREET AND ESTABLISHMENT OF CONNECTION FEES FOR BENEFITING PROPERTIES.** The motion carried (6-0), Councilor Rock abstained.

WHEREAS, The City has completed a feasibility study to extend sanitary sewer along Washington Avenue from 12th Street to 14th Street; and

WHEREAS, As part of the project the City Engineer has identified a need to extend City Sanitary sewer to this currently unserved portion of the city; and

WHEREAS, A resolution of the Council adopted November 6th 2018, set a date for a Council hearing on the proposed improvement; and

WHEREAS, Ten days mailed notice and two weeks published notice of the hearing was given and the hearing was held thereon on the 4th day of December 2018, at which time all persons desiring to be heard were given an opportunity to be heard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLOQUET, MINNESOTA:

1. Such improvement is necessary, cost effective, and feasible as detailed in the City's feasibility study.
2. The City Engineer is hereby designated as the engineer for this improvement and shall prepare plans and specifications for the making of such improvement.
3. Such improvement is hereby ordered and the City Engineer is hereby authorized to solicit bids for construction.
4. The City Engineer is directed to establish connection fees specific for this sanitary sewer and present those to the city council to be adopted

APPROVING CARLTON COUNTY CONSTRUCTION PLANS ON WASHINGTON AVENUE

MOTION: Councilor Rock moved and Councilor Bjerkness seconded the motion to adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 18-97, APPROVING FINAL LAYOUT FOR STATE AID PROJECT NO. 009-616-004 ON COUNTY STATE AID HIGHWAY 16 (WASHINGTON AVENUE).** The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

WHEREAS, the Carlton County Engineer has prepared a final layout for State Aid Project No 009-616-004 on C.S.A.H. 16,(Washington Avenue) from T.H. 33 to C.S.A.H. 45 within the City of Cloquet for Roadway, drainage structures and shared use path improvements; and seeks the approval thereof, as described in Minnesota Statutes 162.02 subd 8 and

WHEREAS, As part of the project the City Engineer has identified a need to extend City Sanitary sewer to this currently unserved portion of the city; and

WHEREAS, said final layout is on file in the Carlton County Engineer's office, being marked as S.A.P. 009-616-004

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLOQUET, MINNESOTA:

that said final layout for the improvement of said C.S.A.H. 16 (Washington Avenue) within the corporate limits of the City of Cloquet is hereby approved.

MN TEAMSTERS PUBLIC AND LAW ENFORCEMENT EMPLOYEES' LOCAL #320 LABOR AGREEMENT TENTATIVE SETTLEMENT

MOTION: Councilor Wyman moved and Councilor Langley seconded the motion to approve the two-year labor agreement between the Teamsters and the City and authorizes the Mayor and City Administrator to execute such agreement. The motion carried (4-3), Councilors Kolodge, Bjerckness and Maki opposed.

HONORING OUTGOING COUNCIL MEMBERS

MOTION: Administrator Reeves read **RESOLUTION NO. 18-99, A RESOLUTION HONORING DAVE BJERKNES, JEFF ROCK, BARB WYMAN AND DAVE HALLBACK FOR THEIR SERVICE AS CITY COUNCILORS AND MAYOR.**

WHEREAS, Dave Bjerckness was first elected to serve as Ward 2 City Councilor in 2002; Jeff Rock was first elected to serve as Ward 1 City Councilor in 2015; Barb Wyman was elected to serve as At-Large City Councilor in 2018; and Dave Hallback was elected to serve as Mayor in 2015.

WHEREAS, Mr. Bjerckness, Mr. Rock, Ms. Wyman and Mr. Hallback also served on a variety of other community committees, commissions, and task forces during their tenure on the Council; and

WHEREAS, During their tenure as representatives of the City of Cloquet, they dedicated themselves to serving and representing not only the citizens of Cloquet and its business community but also the employees of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLOQUET, The City Council, City employees, and citizens of Cloquet wish to thank Mr. Bjerckness, Mr. Rock, Ms. Wyman and Mr. Hallback for their years of loyal service to the City of Cloquet and its people. It is service of public spirited citizens such as these Council Members which cause a City to progress and to provide quality public services to the community.

2019 WATER AND SEWER USER FEES

MOTION: Councilor Rock moved and Councilor Langley seconded the motion to approve increasing the utility rates for water and sewer starting January 1, 2019 with the first billing on February 11, 2019. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marty Hill, 606 Maple Street, requested the council suspend action of decreasing Eric Lipponen's hours until the new Council is in place and can revisit. Mr. Hill also shared a letter from the NAHL stating their support of Mr. Lipponen.

Support of Mr. Lipponen also came from a Cloquet resident who resides at 416 Agate Street.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Hallback announced that the City Council will now adjourn into a closed meeting as permitted under M.S. 13D.05, Subd. 2(a)(2) for the purpose of discussing internal affairs data relating to allegations of law enforcement personnel misconduct. The time is 8:12 p.m.

MOTION: Councilor Wyman moved and Councilor Rock seconded the motion to close the regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Mayor Hallback announced the regular meeting is now open. The time is 9:15 p.m.

MOTION: Councilor Wyman moved and Councilor Langley seconded the motion to approve the Separation and Release Agreement with Officer Scott Beckman, contingent on amending the agreement with a pay out of 1/3 of accrued sick time per the City's Personnel Policy, and giving authorization for the Mayor and City Administrator to sign the agreement once amended. The motion carried (4-3), Councilors Kolodge, Bjerckness and Rock opposed.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Hallback announced that the City Council will adjourn into a closed meeting as permitted under M.S. 13D.05, Subd. 1(d) and 3(a) for the purpose of discussing the City Administrator's performance evaluation. The time is 9:22 p.m.

MOTION: Councilor Kolodge Moved and Councilor Bjerkness seconded the motion to close the regular meeting. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Mayor Hallback announced that regular meeting was now open. The time is 9:38 p.m.

MOTION: Councilor Wyman moved and Councilor Maki seconded the motion approve a 4% salary increase to City Administrator Reeves in 2019 based on a successful performance evaluation. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

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