

Cloquet City Council Work Session

Tuesday, February 6, 2019

Present: W. Carlson, D. Koski, S. Lamb, K. Kolodge, L. Wilkinson, Mayor Maki

Absent: S. Langley

Staff: Reeves, Barlcay, Klassen, Peterson

CAB and Library Board Interviews

Council members interviewed candidates for the Citizens Advisory (CAB) and Library Boards. Candidates interviewed include Lauren Herbert and Mark Cline for the Citizens Advisory Board, Don Walsh and Steve Korby for the Library Board.

Following the interviews, Council members discussed and agreed on appointing Ms. Herbert to the CAB and Mr. Korby for the Library Board. Appointments will be made at the Regular meeting.

The Planning Commission has one remaining vacancy that Mr. Reeves will inquire if Mr. Walsh or Mr. Cline may be interested in.

Council Retreat Date

Several dates have been sent to Council members as options. Council agreed on February 23rd. Detailed information will be forthcoming

Animal Control Update

Mr. Reeves gave a status update on the animal control issue. A meeting was held last week with the county, city, FDL, and surround townships. It was proposed to hold a county wide chipping clinic with combined funds. Mr. Reeves stated he is reaching out to area veterinary clinics to offer spay/neuter clinics. He is also looking into the possibility of a mobile clinic. If there is support from the various Councils to move forward, funds can be combined to make a county wide impact with one program.

Councilor Lamb suggested focusing on a vaccination clinic. Mr. Reeves will talk to veterinaries about adding vaccinations with spay/neuter clinics.

Discussion took place regarding what to do when a stray animal is found. People are encouraged to call 911 and Missing Pets in the Northland, both have chip readers. Mr. Reeves will meet with the Missing Pets in the Northland group to try and collaborate.

Mr. Reeves will be meeting with the County to come up with a tentative program. He will keep the Council updated.

WLSSD I&I Point of Sale Inspections Discussion

Public Works Director Peterson explained an ordinance put in place by WLSSD requiring cities that discharge in their system to develop a program that addresses Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) in private sewer services. Mr. Peterson stated the City has been addressing this problem on the public portion of the sewer system but the private side also requires attention, which could have the potential to be costly.

Customers of WLSSD are required to develop a plan that meets the guidelines laid out in the ordinance by February of 2020. The developed policy addressing this ordinance will be incorporated into City Code

and enforcement start. Staff is starting to develop the plan and would like feedback from Council on content of the policy and which route to take, the lateral side, point of sale inspections or an annual inspection. Mr. Peterson shared Duluth's program to show that this is not a small program to develop. There will be a financial impact to the City, but a larger impact to the property owner.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Reeves
City Administrator