

Council Chambers, Cloquet, Minnesota
7:00 P.M. February 19, 2019

Regular Meeting

Roll Call

Councilors Present: Carlson, Koski, Lamb, Kolodge, Langley, Wilkinson, Mayor Maki

Councilors Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Wilkinson seconded the motion to approve the February 19, 2019 agenda. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

MINUTES

MOTION: Councilor Koski moved and Councilor Carlson seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of February 6, 2019. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Langley moved and Councilor Kolodge seconded the motion to adopt the amended Consent Agenda of February 19, 2019, with the exclusion of item 5.b., *Approval of New city Hall/Police Department Project Bids* and adding it to Council Business as item 8.a., approving the necessary motions and resolutions. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

- a. Resolution No. 19-11, A Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills
- b. Consideration of Appointment to the Planning Commission – Mark Cline
- c. Acceptance of Monetary K9 Donation
- d. Approval of 2019-2020 Community Education Agreement
- e. Resolution No. 19-13, Approving the Solicitation of Bids for 2019 Mill and Overlay Project
- f. Resolution No. 19-14, Approving the Solicitation of Bids for the Stark Road Watermain Loop Project
- g. Resolution No. 19-12, Requesting Advance of Municipal Stat Aid Construction Funding

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

APPROVAL OF NEW CITY HALL/POLICE DEPARTMENT PROJECT BIDS

MOTION: Councilor Wilkinson moved and Councilor Carlson seconded the motion to approve all but three bids for the new City Hall/Police Department project. The bids not included in this approval are masonry, tile, and flooring, which will be clarified and potentially rebid. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION OF ALLEGATIONS AGAINST A CITY OF CLOQUET EMPLOYEE – A. REEVES

MOTION: Councilor Wilkinson moved and Councilor Lamb seconded the motion to have Mayor Maki and Councilor Kolodge work with legal counsel to retain a third-party investigator to conduct an employment investigation into the allegations against Aaron Reeves described in Complaint 7 of Wade Lamirande's letter to the City of January 30th, 2019; and that Mayor Maki and Councilor Kolodge, legal counsel, and the third-party investigator investigate related allegations that arise during the investigation at their discretion; and that Mayor Maki and Councilor Kolodge consult with legal counsel to draft and provide Mr. Reeves with any appropriate notices and directives related to this decision. The motion carried (6-1), Councilor Langley opposed.

CLOSED MEETING**PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION OF ALLEGATIONS AGAINST A CITY OF CLOQUET EMPLOYEE – J. BARCLAY**

Mayor Maki announced that the City Council would adjourn into a Closed Meeting pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 13.D.05, subdivision 2(b). Those present included Mayor Maki, Councilors Carlson, Koski, Lamb, Kolodge, Langley and Wilkinson, Brandon Fitzsimmons and Chelsea Bodin from Flaherty & Hood, P.A.

MOTION: Councilor Kolodge moved and Councilor Carlson seconded the motion to close the meeting. The motion carried unanimously (7-0). Mayor Maki announced the time as 7:34 p.m.

Mayor Maki announced the meeting will reconvene, the time is 7:53 p.m. Those in attendance include Mayor Maki, Councilors Carlson, Koski, Lamb, Kolodge, Langley, and Wilkinson, Brandon Fitzsimmons and Chelsea Bodin from Flaherty & Hood, P.A. The agenda item was discussed.

MOTION: Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Wilkinson seconded the motion to have Mayor Maki and Councilor Kolodge work with legal counsel to retain a third-party investigator to conduct an employment investigation into the allegations against James Barclay described in Wade Lamirande's letter to the City of January 30, 2019; and that Mayor Maki and Councilor Kolodge, legal counsel, and the third-party investigator investigate related allegations that arise during the investigation at their discretion; and that Mayor Maki and Councilor Kolodge consult with legal counsel to draft and provide Mr. Barclay with any appropriate notices and directives related to this decision. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

CLOSED MEETING**INTERNAL AFFAIRS DATA RELATING TO ALLEGATIONS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL MISCONDUCT**

Mayor Maki announced that the City Council would adjourn into a Closed Meeting pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 13D.05, subdivision 2(a)(2). Those present included Mayor Maki, City Administrator Reeves, Councilors Carlson, Koski, Lamb, Kolodge, Langley and Wilkinson, Brandon Fitzsimmons and Chelsea Bodin from Flaherty & Hood, P.A.

MOTION: Councilor Langley moved and Councilor Kolodge seconded the motion to close the meeting. The motion carried unanimously (7-0). Mayor Maki announced the time as 7:56 p.m.

Mayor Maki announced the closed meeting will recess. The time is 8:20 p.m.

Mayor Maki announced the closed meeting will reconvene. The time is 8:35 p.m. Those present included Mayor Maki, City Administrator Reeves, Councilors Carlson, Koski, Lamb, Kolodge, Langley and Wilkinson, Brandon Fitzsimmons and Chelsea Bodin from Flaherty & Hood, P.A.

Following a closed meeting for internal affairs data relating to allegations of law enforcement personnel misconduct, Mayor Maki reopened the meeting. The time is 9:14 p.m. City Administrator Reeves stated there is a complaint against a City law enforcement officer. The City will follow any appropriate policy and procedure to address the complaint, which may include investigating the complaint.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dave Hallback, 402 Agate Street, addressed the Council regarding accusations against him.

COUNCIL COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND UPDATES

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

Aaron Reeves, City Administrator