

Council Chambers, Cloquet, Minnesota  
7:00 P.M. July 16, 2019

Regular Meeting

Roll Call

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

Councilors Absent: Langley

Pledge of Allegiance

### **AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Councilor Kolodge moved and Councilor Lamb seconded the motion to approve the amended July 16, 2019 agenda with the removal of items *8.f., 2020 Budget Discussion* and *9. Closed Meeting*. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

### **MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Councilor Carlson moved and Councilor Wilkinson seconded the motion to approve the Work Session minutes and Regular Meeting minutes of June 18, 2019 as presented. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Wilkinson seconded the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda of July 16, 2019, approving the necessary motions and resolutions. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

- a. Resolution No. 19-57, Authorizing the Payment of Bills
- b. Resolution No. 19-58, Authorizing the Payment of Bills and Payroll
- c. Ordinance No. 483A, An Ordinance Providing for Special Elections To Fill Certain Vacancies In Elected Offices At Times Other Than The Regular City General Election
- d. Change Orders #1 and #2 for City Contract 1085
- e. Resolution No. 19-59, Resolution Approving the Final Plat for Second Amendment to Common Interest Community Number 5 14<sup>th</sup> Street Apartments
- f. Resolution No. 19-60, Resolution Approving the Site Plan for Blackhoof Development for the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Apartments
- g. Resolution No. 19-61, Approving Pinetree Plaza Project Easements
- h. Resolution No. 19-62, A Resolution Authorizing the Real Estate Sale Option and Purchase and Sale Agreement Between Toy Barn Storage, LLC and the City of Cloquet
- i. Approval of new On-Sale Wine and 3.2% Malt Liquor License – Ridgewood Enterprise, LLC, dba Southgate Family Pizzeria
- j. Approval of Street Closure Request for “Meet in the Street in Cloquet”
- k. Carlton County Labor Day Celebration

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

There were none.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

There were none.

### **APPOINTMENT OF WARD 3 COUNCIL MEMBER**

**MOTION:** Councilor Kolodge moved and Councilor Carlson seconded the motion to appoint Chris Swanson as Ward 3 Council Member until a Special Election can be held in November 2019 or February 2020, dependent on if a Primary Election is needed. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

### **ACCEPTANCE OF 2018 AUDIT RESULTS**

**MOTION:** Councilor Kolodge moved and Councilor Wilkinson seconded the motion to accept the 2018 audit results as prepared by Wipfli, LLP. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

**APPROVAL OF 2019 FUND BALANCE POLICY PLAN**

**MOTION:** Councilor Carlson moved and Councilor Lamb seconded the motion to approve the 2019 Fund Balance Policy Plan based on the 2018 audited financial statements. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

**AUTHORIZING THE CHARGE-OFF OF A LOAN WITH RIVDOGG LLC.**

**MOTION:** Councilor Wilkinson moved and Councilor Kolodge seconded the motion to adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 19-56, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHARGE-OFF OF A LOAN WITH RIVDOGG, LLC (AVENUE C RESTAURANT)**. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

WHEREAS, the City of Cloquet (“City”) has previously provided a loan to Rivdogg LLC (Avenue C Restaurant) in the amount of \$75,000 from its Economic Development Loan Fund #203; and,

WHEREAS, the Avenue C Restaurant has subsequently closed operations and was able to reimburse the City \$67,864.89 (via primary loan collections) but is unable to repay the outstanding unpaid principal balance of \$7,135.11; and

WHEREAS, City staff working closely with the primary lender, NBC Bank has determined through a rigorous collection effort that there is no more collateral available, and collections are final and have been exhausted; and

WHEREAS, City staff recommends that the loan be charged-off in the amount listed above.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLOQUET, MINNESOTA:** the City Council hereby takes the following action:

That the write off of the loan as being uncollectible is in the public's interest, does not constitute gifts, and is in conformity with generally accepted accounting procedures for the maintenance of accounts concerned with defaulted, uncollectible and foreclosed loans.

The City staff is authorized and directed to effect the charge-off of this loan.

**AUTHORIZATION TO BID LIBRARY EXPANSION**

**MOTION:** Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Carlson seconded the motion to authorize the advertisement for bids for the Library Expansion Project. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Marty Hill, 606 Maple Street, addressed the Council in support of Eric Lipponen.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND UPDATES**

Councilor Wilkinson gave a reminder that the first August City Council meeting has been moved to Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> due to the National Night Out event on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

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

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Aaron Reeves, City Administrator