

Cloquet City Council Work Session

Thursday, November 7, 2019

Present: W. Carlson, S. Lamb, C. Swanson, K. Kolodge, S. Langley, L. Wilkinson, Mayor Maki

Absent: None

Staff: Barclay, Klassen, Peterson, Randall

Events Coordinator Overview

Alyson Leno, Events Coordinator, and Kelly Zink, both from the Cloquet Chamber of Commerce, were present to give an overview of the 2019 activities coordinated for the city. Ms. Leno provided a recap of the 2019 financials for the July 4th Celebration and financials to date for Santa's Home for the Holidays. Ms. Leno explained events for both celebrations are focused on family activities provided at no cost. She stated the success of these events is largely due to the connections made throughout the community.

Both the 4th of July celebration and Santa's Home for the Holidays have grown substantially since she started in the coordinator position in 2014-2015. The events rely heavily on community and business donations. Ms. Leno explained the biggest struggle faced is finding volunteers to donate their time. Discussion followed on how to attract volunteers and possible grant opportunities.

Ms. Leno has informed the Council she will be leaving the position of Events Coordinator after this year's Santa's Home for the Holidays.

Tobacco 21 Ordinance Discussion

Mr. Barclay presented considerations for Council discussion regarding implementing the Tobacco 21 ordinance presented by the County at the October 15, 2019 Work Session. City Attorney Yetka was present to provide possible implications when passing such an ordinance within the city limits. If the council decides to pass an ordinance regulating the sale of tobacco and tobacco related products such as the county is proposing, it can be more or less restrictive than what the county's ordinance.

Council agreed to reach out to city tobacco license holders and hold a public hearing before pursuing an ordinance prohibiting tobacco and tobacco related sales to any person under the age of 21.

Cable Commission Joint Powers Agreement

Brief discussion on the status of the Cable Commission and the need to reinstitute section 2.3.01 relating to the Cable TV Commission and deleted by Ordinance No. 455A in 2016. Mr. Barclay explained the Cable Commission has been meeting once again and by reinstating section 2.3.01 of City Code, it would allow the commission to run status quo prior to the JPA which was not properly implemented. Action on this item will be taken at the regular meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Barclay
Interim City Administrator