

## **Cloquet City Council Work Session**

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

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

**Absent:** None

**Staff:** J. Barclay, N. Klassen, C. Peterson, T. Johnson

### **Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) Program Discussion**

Tim Johnson, Assistant Public Works Director provided information and background on the need to update the City Code regarding sanitary sewer inflow and infiltration (I&I). Mr. Johnson provided an explanation of what I&I is and how it works.

The city has been addressing this issue on the public portion of the sewer system for years, but the private side now also needs to be addressed. Mr. Johnson explained that WLSSD has established an ordinance that requires cities that discharge into their system to develop a program that addresses the I&I in private sewer services. The program proposes inspections of sump pumps and other possible issues when a home is sold.

Mr. Johnson reviewed the Private Sewer Service Grant Program Guidelines and grant concept, which is similar to Duluth's program, to help private property owners defray the cost to repair leaking sewer services, making it possible for property owners and the city to meet WLSSD's requirements of reduction in I&I. The Mr. Johnson stated the funding would be generated through the sewer fund. The goal is to eliminate I&I from 20 services per year once implemented.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Barclay  
Interim City Administrator