

Council Chambers, Cloquet, Minnesota
7:00 P.M. March 5, 2020

Regular Meeting

Roll Call

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

Councilors Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Swanson moved and Councilor Lamb seconded the motion to approve the March 5, 2020 agenda. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

MINUTES

MOTION: Councilor Wilkinson moved and Councilor Carlson seconded the motion to approve the Regular Council Meeting minutes of February 18, 2020 as presented. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Marty Hill, 606 Maple Street, addressed the Council encouraging the reinstatement of Cable coordinator, Eric Lipponen, to full time.
- Becca Lindberg, 1213 East 9th Street, Duluth, spoke on behalf of CAT-7 supporting Eric Lipponen's full time status.
- McKenzie Lindberg, Cloquet, spoke of the dedication of Eric Lipponen to the community and CAT-7.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Langley moved and Councilor Kolodge seconded the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda of March 5, 2020, approving the necessary motions and resolutions. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

- a. Resolution No. 20-13, Authorizing the Payment of Bills and Payroll
- b. 4th of July Event Coordination

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor Maki announced that now is the time and place for the public hearing on the proposed reconstruction of Prospect Avenue area streets:

- Prospect Avenue – 14th Street to 18th Street
- Prospect Avenue – 20th Street to 22nd Street
- 20th Street – Prospect Avenue to Selmsers Avenue
- 21st Street – Selmsers Avenue to Dead end
- Kelly Avenue – 21st Street to 22nd Street
- 21st Street – Kelly Avenue to Prospect Avenue
- 20th Street – Prospect Avenue to Fairview Avenue
- Fairview Avenue – 18th Street to 20th Street

MOTION: Councilor Lamb motioned and Councilor Swanson seconded the motion to open the public hearing for the proposed reconstruction of Prospect Avenue area streets. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

- Jim Crowley, 913 Granite, addressed the council regarding concern for kids walking on the streets to and from school. He is on the Safe Routes to School committee and supports the construction of a sidewalk along Prospect Avenue.
- Ali Mueller of Carlton County Health and Human Services and coordinator for Safe Routes to School, gave background on the program and shared data for an updated plan to enhance safety for kids walking to and from school.
- Brian Hoover, 2109 Prospect, asked for clarification on property assessments for the project. Mr. Hoover is not in favor of a sidewalk.

- Robin Fish, 429 20th Street, supports sidewalks in the area. Also questioned inspections of residential sewer lines and how to get more information.
- Sara Buhs, spoke on behalf of CAFD, has worked with the Safe Routes to School program to be proactive in eliminating fatalities and serious injuries. CAFD is in support of constructing sidewalks.
- Robert Smith, 434 17th Street, requested clarification on the utility assessments.
- Terri Hughes 448 20th Street, proponent for safe routes to school but doesn't feel a sidewalk is the answer as it would be used only a few months a year due to the snow.
- Nichole Waters, Washington School teacher and part of the Safe Routes to School committee, supporting a sidewalk.
- Elmer Splett, 2103 Prospect Ave, stated he does not support the sidewalk. Teach kids to walk on the left side of the road.
- Cloquet ISD Superintendent, Dr. Cary, submitted a letter to Council stating support of it sidewalk construction.
- ARDC also submitted a letter in support of safe routes. A strategy in their most recent plan is to construct a sidewalk in the Prospect Avenue area.
- Jana Peterson – In favor of the sidewalk.
- Arthur Wojciehowski emailed City Administrator Peterson indicating support of the street repair but not a sidewalk due to the amount of snow that will be pushed into his yard.

MOTION: Councilor Kolodge moved and Councilor Swanson seconded the motion to close the public hearing. The time is 8:30 p.m.

MOTION: Councilor Wilkinson moved and Councilor Swanson seconded the motion to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 20-12, ORDERING IMPROVEMENT AND PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATOINS FOR THE PROPOSED 2020 IMPROVEMENT OF PROSPECT AVENUE AREA STREETS**, motion failed (4-3) Councilors Carlson, Lamb, Kolodge opposed.

MOTION: Councilor Kolodge moved and Councilor Lamb seconded the motion to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 20-12**, without sidewalks the entire length of Prospect Avenue, motion failed (5-2), Councilors Langley and Wilkinson opposed.

MOTION: Councilor Carlson moved and Councilor Lamb seconded the motion to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 20-12**, with the sidewalk on Prospect Avenue as an add-alternate to the project. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

WHEREAS, The City has completed a feasibility study to reconstruct Prospect Avenue – 14th Street to 18th Street, Prospect Avenue – 20th Street to 22nd Street, 20th Street – Prospect Avenue to Selmsers Avenue, 21st Street – Selmsers Avenue to Dead end, Kelly Avenue – 21st Street to 22nd Street, 21st Street – Kelly Avenue to Prospect Avenue, 20th Street – Prospect Avenue to Fairview Avenue, Fairview Avenue – 18th Street to 20th Street and

WHEREAS, As part of the project the City Engineer has identified a need to replace aging and deteriorated roadway, sidewalks, sanitary sewers, storms sewers, and water utilities; and

WHEREAS, A resolution of the Council adopted February 4, 2020, set a date for a public hearing on the proposed improvement; and

WHEREAS, Ten days mailed notice and two weeks published notice of the hearing was given and the hearing was held thereon on the 5th day of March 2020, at which time all persons desiring to be heard were given an opportunity to be heard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLOQUET, MINNESOTA:

1. Such improvement is necessary, cost effective, and feasible as detailed in the City's feasibility study.
2. The City Engineer is hereby designated as the engineer for this improvement and shall prepare plans and specifications for the making of such improvement.
3. Such improvement is hereby ordered and the City Engineer is hereby authorized to solicit bids for construction.

PRESENTATIONS

- a. Mayor Maki read a proclamation recognizing and congratulating the CEC Girls Ice Hockey Team on their successful 2019-2020 season.
- b. Officer Demko and Detective Baker were administered the Police Officer's Oath by Judge McCaulay.

LIBRARY ADDITION

MOTION: Councilor Kolodge moved and Councilor Lamb seconded the motion to approve Change Order #3 to City Contract 1093, the Fire Alarm Proposal from ARS and the Additional Services Request from Meyer Group Architecture. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

MOTION: Councilor Langley moved and Councilor Carlson seconded the motion to authorize the sale of surplus equipment through the local online auction service Lots 4 Bid. The motion passed unanimously (7-0).

TANDEM AXLE TRAILER PURCHASE

MOTION: Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Swanson seconded the motion to authorize the purchase of a Nova CT014 Tandem Axle Trailer from Pine River Sales in an amount not to exceed \$8,100.00. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

CLOSED MEETING

Mayor Maki announced that the City will now adjourn into a Closed Meeting as permitted under Minn. Statutes section 13D.05, subd. 2(4)(b).

MOTION: Councilor Wilkinson moved and Councilor Kolodge seconded the motion to adjourn into closed session. The motion carried unanimously. The time is 9:14 p.m.

MOTION: Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Kolodge seconded the motion to reopen the meeting. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

MOTION: Councilor Swanson moved and Councilor Langley seconded the motion to agree with City Administrator Peterson's recommendation to dismiss Cable Coordinator Eric Lipponen from employment. The motion passed unanimously (7-0)

COUNCIL COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND UPDATES

Mayor Maki read a letter from the Library Board giving an update of the library addition and thanking the Council for their support.

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

Tim Peterson, City Administrator