

Via Teleconference
7:00 P.M. July 7, 2020

Regular Meeting

Roll Call

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

Councilors Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

MOTION: Councilor Wilkinson moved and Councilor Kolodge seconded the motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of June 16, 2020 as presented. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Resolution No. 20-38, Authorizing the Payment of Bills and Payroll
- b. Appointment of 2020 Election Judges

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

APPOINTMENT OF DETECTIVE – SATHER

MOTION: Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Kolodge seconded the motion to appoint Officer Kristina Sather to the position of Detective effective July 13, 2020. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE ON PROPOSED FINAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF PINE TREE PLAZA FRONTAGE ROAD AND AREA UTILITIES

MOTION Councilor Wilkinson moved and Councilor Swanson seconded the motion to adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 20-39, SETTING PUBLIC HEARING DATE ON PROPOSED FINAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF PINE TREE PLAZA FRONTAGE ROAD AND AREA UTILITIES.** The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

WHEREAS, The City made plans to reconstruct Pinetree Plaza Frontage Road and area utilities as part of the City's 5-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and approved budget for 2019; and

WHEREAS, The Cloquet City Council on December 18, 2018, held a public hearing to consider the improvement; and

WHEREAS, Said improvement was subsequently ordered and completed and the City has prepared a proposed assessment roll which is available in the office of the City Administrator for public inspection.

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

1. A hearing shall be held on August 5, 2020 in the City Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. to pass upon such proposed assessments and at such time and place all persons owning property affected by such improvement will be given an opportunity to be heard with reference to such assessment.
2. The City Administrator is hereby directed to cause a notice of the hearing on the proposed assessment to be published in the official newspaper as required by Minnesota Statutes and he shall state in the notice the total cost of the improvement. He shall also cause mailed notice to be given to the owner of each parcel described in the assessment roll as required by Minnesota Statutes.

AWARDING BID FOR THE PROPOSED PINE VALLEY ARENA IMPROVEMENTS

MOTION: Councilor Carlson moved and Councilor Swanson seconded the motion to adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 20-37, AWARDING BID FOR THE PROPOSED PINE VALLEY ARENA IMPROVEMENTS.** The motion carried (6-1), Councilor Langley opposed.

WHEREAS, City Council previously entered a professional services and construction management contract with McKinstry Essention, LLC for 2020 ice arena repairs.

AND WHEREAS, The City of Cloquet advertised and received the following bids for Pine Valley Arena Improvements:

No.	Bidder	Ice Plant and Floor Bid
1	Commercial Refrigeration	\$ 480,699.00
	Engineer's Estimate	\$ 619,650.00

AND WHEREAS, The apparent low bid from Commercial Refrigeration was found to meet the minimum bid requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLOQUET, MINNESOTA, That the bid from Commercial Refrigeration in the amount of \$480,669.00 is hereby accepted.

WATER TREATMENT PLANT CHANGE ORDER #4

MOTION: Councilor Kolodge moved and Councilor Lamb seconded the motion to approve Change Order No. 4 to the water treatment plant construction contract. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

PUBLIC WORKS TRAILER PURCHASES

MOTION: Councilor Swanson moved and Councilor Carlson seconded the motion to authorize the purchase of one 16-ton equipment trailer and one 40-ton equipment trailer from Titan Machinery in the total amount of \$45,542.80. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

LIBRARY ADDITION CHANGE ORDER #4

MOTION: Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Swanson seconded the motion to approve Change Order #4 to the City contract with Boldt Construction for furniture removal/installation related to construction, to add hand dryer to family restroom and manpower impacts due to COVID-19. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

CARES ACT DISCUSSION

City Administrator Peterson stated that the City has received the CARES Act funding in the amount of approximately \$930,000. Staff attended a training on appropriate uses for the funding and based on that training, Mr. Peterson feels it is necessary to prepare for any potential cuts to LGA due to any state deficit that may come and could be passed on to cities in the form of LGA cuts which could lead to city property tax increase or staff cuts. Staff will continue to research other potential uses for the funding.

COVID 19 UPDATE

City Administrator Peterson indicated there no significant changes to report. City Hall staff has adjusted to meeting citizens in the lobby area and there continues to be just one entrance available.

Discussion on when and how to open meetings back up to the public. Mr. Peterson stated the importance of community members being able to talk to Council members in a regular manner. Councilor Lamb stated

she is not in favor of opening meetings yet and would rather error on the side of caution to protect citizens. Mayor Maki stated he is ok if others would like to come to meetings but he is not comfortable with it. Councilors discussed face mask mandate being put into place. Councilor Lamb supports such a mandate and would like to have community involvement in providing masks for small businesses. Mr. Peterson will research what other communities are passing for requirements but also commented on how difficult it was to uphold and monitor the prior orders issued by the governor, this would also be difficult to monitor.

COUNCIL COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND UPDATES

Councilor Kolodge inquired on the schedule of the 2020 budget discussions. Administrator Peterson indicated staff will be meeting towards the end of July to go over the budget internally and then begin Council budget discussions at the August 5th Council meeting and continue through the September Council meetings.

Councilor Kolodge gave a shout-out to Parks Department employee Karin Stedman, acknowledging an article about her the Woman Today magazine and thanking her for doing extra to help keep the City looking good.

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

Tim Peterson, City Administrator