

Via Teleconference
7:00 P.M. May 19, 2020

Regular Meeting

Roll Call

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

Councilors Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Langley moved and Councilor Lamb seconded the motion to approve the May 19, 2020 agenda. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

MINUTES

MOTION: Councilor Kolodge moved and Councilor Carlson seconded the motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of May 5, 2020 as presented. The motion carried (7-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Wilkinson and Councilor Lamb seconded the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda of May 19, 2020, approving the necessary motions and resolutions. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

- a. Resolution No. 20-28, Authorizing the Payment of Bills
- b. Resolution No. 20-29, Approval of Raffle Permit, Queen of Peace Parish

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

SELECTION OF FINALISTS FOR POLICE CHIEF

MOTION: Councilor Carlson moved and Councilor Kolodge seconded the motion to advance three Police Chief candidates to the next phase of interviews to take place on June 2, 2020. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

YEAR END TRANSFERS FOR 2019

MOTION: Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Swanson seconded the motion to authorize the transfers for 2019 as detailed in the May 7, 2020 staff report. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION: Councilor Kolodge moved and Councilor Wilkinson seconded the motion to adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 20-30, RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON THE PROPOSED ADOPTION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 5 AND THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT NO. 5-1 THEREIN AND THE ADOPTION OF THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN THEREFORE**, with a proposed hearing date of June 16, 2020. The Motion passed unanimously (7-0).

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council (the "Council") for the City of Cloquet, Minnesota (the "City"), as follows:

Section 1. Public Hearing. This Council shall meet on June 16, 2020, at approximately 7:00 PM, to hold a public hearing on the proposed adoption of the Establishment of a

Development Program for Development District No. 5 (the “Establishment”), the proposed Establishment of Tax Increment Financing District No. 5-1 (the “TIF District”), (a Housing district), and the proposed adoption of a Tax Increment Financing Plan therefor, all pursuant to and in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.174 to 69.1794, inclusive, as amended, in an effort to encourage the development and redevelopment of certain designated areas within the City; and

Section 2. Notice of Public Hearing, Filing of Program and Plan. City staff is authorized and directed to work with Ehlers to prepare the Establishment and a Tax Increment Financing Plan for the TIF District (the “Plans”) and to forward documents to the appropriate taxing jurisdictions including Carlton County and Independent School District No. 94 (Cloquet Public Schools). The Community Development Director is authorized and directed to cause notice of the hearing, together with an appropriate map as required by law, to be published at least once in the official newspaper of the City not later than 10, nor more than 30, days prior to June 16, 2020, and to place a copy of the Plans on file in the Community Development Director's office at City Hall and to make such copy available for inspection by the public.

CLOQUET EDA SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE LOAN (COVID-19 FUND)

Explanation of a fund established to prevent closure of City of Cloquet for-profit businesses during and after the COVID-19 pandemic and restore affected businesses back to financial health as quickly as possible. No Council action required.

CONSIDERATION OF WLSSD REAPPOINTMENT

MOTION: Councilor Swanson moved and Councilor Carlson seconded the motion to reappoint Loren Lilly to the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District Board for a term expiring June 30, 2023. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

APPROVAL OF 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES

MOTION: Councilor Carlson moved and Councilor Swanson seconded the motion to approve 4th of July celebration events for 2020. The motion carried (4-3), Councilors Lamb, Langley and Wilkinson opposed.

AFFIDAVIT OF CANDIDACY FOR WARDS 4, 5 AND AT-LARGE

The filing period for Council members in Wards 4, 5 and At- Large is May 19 through June 2, 2020. The Primary Election is August 11, 2020 and the General Election is November 3, 2020. Candidate filing will be done curbside and by appointment at City Hall.

CITY HALL SUMMER HOURS

Summer hours begin May 26th and will cease September 30th for City Hall staff. Hours are 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. on Fridays.

COVID 19 UPDATE

City Administrator Peterson gave a City COVID-19 update reporting that staff returned to the office on May 18th but City Hall remains closed to the public. Staff is making plans to tentative reopen City Hall to the public on June 1st.

The Library is offering curbside book orders. Sanitation measures are being taken on all returned books.

City parks will reopen now that the Stay at Home order has been lifted. Appropriate signage will be posted offering guidelines and for use at your own discretion.

Council discussed liquor license renewal fees following requests from license holders to reduce fees due to COVID-19 mandatory closures. Mr. Peterson does not recommend reducing fees but will offer a six-month deferment or payment arrangements to license holders. Mr. Peterson stated there is no way to determine how one business is more impacted than another when COVID-19 has affected everyone. The city is already waiving late fees and small business loans.

COUNCIL COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND UPDATES

There were none.

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