

Via Teleconference
7:00 P.M. September 15, 2020

Regular Meeting

Roll Call

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

Councilors Absent: Langley

Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Wilkinson moved and Councilor Carlson seconded the motion to approve the September 15, 2020 agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

MINUTES

MOTION: Councilor Kolodge moved and Councilor Swanson seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of September 1, 2020 as presented. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Wilkinson seconded the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda of September 15, 2020, approving the necessary motions and resolutions. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

- a. Resolution No. 20-63, Authorizing the Payment of Bills

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

APPROVAL OF 2021 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

MOTION: Councilor Wilkinson moved and Councilor Lamb seconded the motion to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 20-60, ADOPTING THE PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET**. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

WHEREAS, The City Administrator has prepared an annual budget and the City Council has reviewed the proposed 2021 budget; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 275, Section 065 of Minnesota Statutes requires that the City adopt a proposed 2021 levy and budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLOQUET, MINNESOTA, That there be and is hereby proposed to be set aside for the year 2021 for the following departments and funds:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
General	\$7,838,200	\$7,875,700
LDO Loan (EDA)	33,000	2,200
Federal CDGB Loan (EDA)	10,000	42,500
Economic Development Loan (City)	11,700	3,500
Small Cities Development (EDA)	8,000	10,000
Library	627,000	686,700
Tax Increment – 14 th Street Apartments	25,000	25,000
Tax Increment – Oakwood Estates	55,000	55,000
Tax Increment – Patio Homes	55,000	55,000
Landfill Host Fee	65,000	15,000

Cable Television	103,450	112,500
Swimming Pond Bonds	110,000	102,900
City Sales Tax Bonds	542,750	542,750
Facilities Bonds	98,850	90,500
Permanent Improvement	105,000	31,000
Public Works Reserve	526,000	551,000
City Sales Tax Projects	915,000	1,607,750
Employee Severance Benefits	10,000	5,000
Water – Lake Superior Waterline	2,700,000	2,803,450
Water – In-Town System	1,850,000	2,291,550
Sewer Utility	1,879,000	2,056,150
Stormwater Utility	372,000	531,800
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TOTAL:	<u>\$17,939,950</u>	<u>\$19,496,950</u>

ADOPTING SUMS OF MONEY PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED FOR LEVY YEAR 2020, PAYABLE IN 2021

MOTION: Councilor Swanson moved and Councilor Kolodge seconded the motion to adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 20-61, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING SUMS OF MONEY PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED FOR LEVY YEAR 2020, PAYABLE IN 2021.** The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

BE IT RESOLVED, By the City Council of the City of Cloquet, Minnesota, that the following sums of money be levied for the levy year 2020, payable in 2021, upon taxable property in the City of Cloquet, for the following purposes:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Levy</u>
General	\$2,190,900
Public Works Reserve	365,000
Library	400,000
GO Swimming Pond Debt	110,000
Facilities Bonds	98,850
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TOTAL LEVY	<u>\$3,164,750</u>

2021-2025 PRELIMINARY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

MOTION Councilor Carlson moved and Councilor Wilkinson seconded the motion to adopt the Preliminary Five (5) Year Capital Improvement Plan for 2021-2025. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

SET DATE FOR ADOPTION OF FINAL 2020 BUDGET AND LEVY

MOTION: Councilor Wilkinson moved and Councilor Lamb seconded the motion to set the date for the adoption of the final 2021 budget and property tax levy for December 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

2020 ANNUAL UTILITY RATE SURVEY

Public Works Director Caleb Peterson reviewed the 2020 annual utility rate study comparing the city’s combined utility rate against other comparable communities and ranks them from high to low. Cloquet ranks 10 out of 32 communities.

APPROVING THE 2020 CARES ACT FUNDS

MOTION: Councilor Kolodge moved and Councilor Lamb seconded the motion to adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 20-62, APPROVING THE 2020 CARES ACT FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY.** The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

WHEREAS, City Council of the City of Cloquet hereby acknowledges that by virtue of the failure to reach an agreement between the county and the municipality, the sum of \$5,498.00 will be provided by the county to the municipality under the CARES Act grant to which the county is the Grantee, and the municipality acknowledges that it is subject to the provisions of paragraphs 1 through 5, 7 through 11 and 13 through 15 of the 2020 CARES Act Grant Agreement as if it were the Grantee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLOQUET, MINNESOTA, approves the 2020 CARES Act funds to be provided by Carlton County.

SET HEARING DATE FOR PROPOSED BITUMINOUS PAVING OF JOLICOUER TRAILS FIRST ADDITION

MOTION: Councilor Carlson moved and Councilor Swanson seconded the motion to approved **RESOLUTION NO. 20-64, ACCEPTING THE FEASIBILITY STUDY AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR THE PETIONED IMPROVEMENT OF JOLICOUER TRAILS FIRST ADDITION** with a proposed hearing date of October 20, 2020. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

WHEREAS, The City has received a petition from property owners within the development requesting the gravel roads be improved with bituminous paving.

WHEREAS, The feasibility study provides information regarding whether the proposed improvements are necessary, cost-effective and feasible; and

WHEREAS, It is anticipated that benefitted properties will be assessed for a portion of the project costs, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 429 and Chapter 12 of City Code.

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

1. That the Council will consider the bituminous paving improvements of Jolicouer Trails First Addition in accordance with said feasibility study and the possible assessment of abutting property for a portion of the cost of the improvements pursuant to Minnesota Statute, Chapter 429 at an estimated total cost of \$577,403.
2. A public hearing shall be held on October 20, 2020, in a virtual meeting at 7:00 p.m.
3. The City Administrator shall give mailed and published notice of such hearing and improvement as required by law.

COUNCIL COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND UPDATES

City Administrator Peterson stated the Park Commission discussed closing the skating rink warming houses this winter as a COVID preventative measure. The recommendation is to keep the skating rinks open but close warming houses at Athletic, Pinehurst and Sunnyside. Port-a-potties will be available at these locations. Dunlap Island will remain open as it is a larger building and easier to social distance. Councilor Wilkinson commented that this is a reasonable compromise and safest with moving forward.

Councilor Lamb gave a reminder of the micro-chip event at Veterans Park on September 19th.

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

Tim Peterson, City Administrator