

Via Teleconference
7:00 P.M. February 2, 2021

Regular Meeting

Roll Call

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

Councilors Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Wilkinson seconded the motion to approve the February 2, 2021 agenda. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

MINUTES

MOTION: Councilor Swanson moved and Councilor Jaakola seconded the motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of January 19, 2021 as presented. The motion carried (7-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Babineau, 604 Park Avenue., seeking permission to tap Maple trees on the east side of Chestnut Avenue. City Administrator Peterson stated the City will allow the tapping as long as they know who it is and that they will clean up when finished. He would like to see the exact location before permission is final. Mr. Babineau also requested that the walking path through Pinehurst Park be plowed if possible.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Wilkinson moved and Councilor Lamb seconded the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda of February 2, 2021, approving the necessary motions and resolutions. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

- a. Resolution No. 21-07, Authorizing the Payment of Bills and Payroll
- b. 2021 Community Education Agreement
- c. Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Policy

PUBLIC HEARINGS

City Administrator Peterson announced now is the time and place for the public hearing on the adoption of the City of Cloquet ADA Transition Plan.

Assistant City Engineer, John Anderson, provided background on the progress being made to be compliant with the ADA. Part of compliance is for public input to incorporate it into the plan.

MOTION: Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Kolodge seconded the motion to open the public hearing. The time is 7:11 p.m. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Jana Peterson inquired if sidewalks are part of accessibility? Mr. Anderson stated the plan does not indicate all sidewalks, but this does not mean they cannot be added as streets are improved.

MOTION: Councilor Carlson moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilor Swanson. The motion carried unanimously (7-0). The time is 7:14 p.m.

MOTION: Councilor Wilkinson moved and Councilor Lamb seconded the motion to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 21-09, ADOPTING THE CITY OF CLOQUET ADA TRANSITION PLAN.** The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

WHEREAS, In accordance with State and Federal law city staff has prepared an ADA transition Plan for the City of Cloquet; and

WHEREAS, City staff has prepared the ADA transition plan in accordance with guidance provided by the Minnesota Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, A Public Hearing was held on February 2, 2021 and all comments received were considered and incorporated.

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

1. The City of Cloquet ADA Transition Plan dated February 2, 2021 is hereby adopted.

PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING TIME CHANGE

MOTION: Councilor Jaakola moved and Councilor Carlson seconded the motion to change **RULE 4 OF THE STANDING RULES FOR CONDUCTING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS, SPECIFICALLY THE TIME OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS FROM 7:00 PM to 6:00 PM**, beginning March 2, 2021 and to be reviewed annually. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

CITY COUNCIL GOALS

City Administrator Peterson reviewed and discussed the current list of short- and long-term goals that have been provided by Council members. Mr. Peterson encouraged council members to communicate any additions or changes to him.

SETTING PUBLIC HEARING DATE ON THE PROPOSED FINAL ASSESSMENTS FOR PROSPECT AVENUE AREA IMPROVEMENTS

MOTION: Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Swanson seconded the motion to adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 21-08, SETTING PUBLIC HEARING DATE ON PROPOSED FINAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF PROSPECT AVENUE AREA STREETS**. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

WHEREAS, The City made plans to reconstruct streets in the Prospect Avenue area as part of the City's 5-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and approved budget for 2020; and

WHEREAS, The Cloquet City Council on March 5, 2020, 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 March 2, 2021 in the City Council Chambers at 6:00 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.

BRAUN PARK PLAYGROUND RFP

MOTION: Councilor Kolodge moved and Councilor Carlson seconded the motion to allow the solicitation of proposals for new playground equipment at Braun Park. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

COUNCIL COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

Councilor Jaakola commented that it is Black History Month.

The Cloquet Public Library reopened to the public on February 1st. Computers can be accessed by appointment only; curbside is still available as well as in-person book check out.

Community Development Director Holly Hanson stated the Carlton County grant program is open for businesses and non-profit affected by COVID-19.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Tim Peterson, City Administrator