

Via Teleconference
6:00 P.M. April 6, 2021

Regular Meeting

Roll Call

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

Councilors Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Swanson moved and Councilor Carlson seconded the motion to approve the April 6, 2021 agenda. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

MINUTES

MOTION: Councilor Jaakola moved and Councilor Lamb seconded the motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of March 16, 2021 as presented. The motion carried (7-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Wilkinson moved and Councilor Swanson seconded the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda of April 6, 2021, approving the necessary motions and resolutions. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

- a. Resolution No. 21-20, Authorizing the Payment of Bills and Payroll
- b. Resolution No. 21-21, Approving Off-Site Gambling for Eagles Aerie #1163 for a Raffle Event

PUBLIC HEARINGS

City Administrator Peterson announced now is the time and place for the continuation of the public hearing on the adoption of special assessments for the improvement of Prospect Avenue area streets.

MOTION: Councilor Kolodge moved and Councilor Lamb seconded the motion to reopen the public hearing. The time is 6:07 p.m. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

City Administrator Peterson stated no further communication has been received from residents since the March 2, 2021 public hearing and there were no further public comments heard at this time.

MOTION: Councilor Lamb moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilor Jaakola. The motion carried unanimously (7-0). The time is 6:09 p.m.

MOTION: Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Swanson seconded the motion to adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 21-19, ADOPTING ASSESSMENTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF PROSPECT AVENUE FROM 14TH STREET TO 18TH STREET AND FROM 20TH STREET TO 22ND STREET, 20TH STREET FROM PROSPECT AVENUE TO SELMSER AVENUE AND FROM PROSPECT AVENUE TO FAIRVIEW AVENUE, 21ST STREET FROM SELMSER TO THE DEAD END AND FROM KELLY AVENUE TO PROSPECT AVENUE, AND FAIRVIEW AVENUE FROM 18TH STREET TO 20TH STREET.** The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

WHEREAS, In 2020, the City Council received an engineering study to reconstruct the Prospect Avenue Area including the replacement of existing sanitary sewer and water mains; and

WHEREAS, The Cloquet City Council on March 5, 2020 held a hearing to consider the improvement of the Prospect Avenue Area; 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; and

WHEREAS, Due notice was given that said special assessments would be considered by the City Council at its meeting to be held on April 6, 2021, and at said meeting and time all parties interested were given an opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has met, heard, and passed upon all objections to the proposed assessment.

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

1. Such assessment, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, is hereby accepted and shall constitute the special assessment against the lands named therein, and each tract of land therein is hereby found to be benefitted by the improvement in the amount of the assessment levied against it.
2. Said assessments shall be payable in equal annual installments extending over a period of ten (10) years and shall bear interest at a rate of four percent (4%) per annum from April 6, 2021. Property owners may prepay the entire assessment, or any portion of it, to the City of Cloquet without interest prior to May 6, 2021. Any principal not paid by November 30th of each year, will be certified along with accrued interest to the Carlton County Auditor for collection with the Real Estate Taxes payable over the period stated above.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor's Proclamation – Senior Citizen's Day

ORDINANCE NO. 494A, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT – SECOND READING

MOTION: Councilor Kolodge moved and Councilor Wilkinson seconded the motion to adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 21-18, APPROVING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT (LAND USE PLAN) FROM “RURAL RESIDENTIAL” TO “HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL”**. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

MOTION: Councilor Wilkinson moved and Councilor Swanson seconded the motion to adopt **ORDINANCE NO. 494A, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 17, BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF CLOQUET FROM “FR-FARM RESIDENTIAL” TO “RC – REGIONAL COMMERCIAL”**. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Resolution No. 21-18

WHEREAS, The City of Cloquet is proposing a Comprehensive Plan Amendment (Land Use Plan) from “Rural Residential” to “Highway Commercial”; and

WHEREAS, As required by ordinance, notification was advertised in the Pine Knot. A public hearing was held to consider the application at the regular meeting of the Cloquet Planning Commission on March 9, 2021 at which time Zoning Case / Development Review No. 21-01 was heard and discussed; and

WHEREAS, the property of the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment (Land Use Plan) is located south of 1513 Highway 33 South and is legally described as follows:

The North One-Half of the Northwest One-Quarter of the Southeast One-Quarter lying west of Highway 33, Docket 176372, Except Mineral Interest, Docket 228053 and 265036, Carlton County; Minnesota.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the staff report and recommends approval of the Comprehensive Plan Amendment (Land Use Plan).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLOQUET, MINNESOTA, that it approves of Zoning Case 21-01 for a

comprehensive plan amendment (land use plan) from “Rural Residential” to “Highway Commercial”.

Ordinance No. 494A

The City Council of the City of Cloquet does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. The Zoning Map of the City of Cloquet is hereby amended to change the zoning designation of the following described property from FR – Farm Residential to RC – Regional Commercial:

The North One-Half of the Northwest One-Quarter of the Southeast One-Quarter lying west of Highway 33, Docket 176372, Except Mineral Interest, Docket 228053 and 265036, Carlton County; Minnesota.

Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage acceptance.

PINE VALLEY MASTER PLAN PROPOSAL

MOTION: Councilor Jaakola moved and Councilor Kolodge seconded the motion to accept the proposal from Short Elliot Hendrickson for completion of a master plan for Pine Valley Park in the amount of \$24,500. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

SPRING LAKE RESERVOIR / ROUND RESERVOIR REHABILITATION BIDDING

MOTION: Councilor Swanson moved and Councilor Lamb seconded the motion to authorize bidding of the Spring Lake Reservoir Rehabilitation. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

BRAUN PARK PLAYGROUND AWARD

MOTION: Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Wilkinson seconded the motion to authorize the purchase of playground equipment for Braun Park in the amount of \$45,000. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

City Administrator Peterson updated Council on the status of the second sales tax hearing which took place on March 25th at which Mayor Maki presented to the Senate Tax Committee. Still waiting for the senate hearing for the capital projects on the Lake Superior Water Line with the potential of the Bonding Committee touring the facility this summer. Both projects appear to meet all the requirements for the new sales tax procedures.

COUNCIL COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

Discussion took place on the timeline of reopening City Hall to the public and returning to in-person meetings. City Administrator Peterson stated the goal is to bring staff back and reopen May 1st. He would like to have Council and commission meetings move back to in-person meetings as well, stating there is room to social distance in the council chambers. Councilor Jaakola inquired of a hybrid option. Mayor Maki indicated his concern of the rise of cases of COVID and would like to see what happens through April. Councilor Lamb is also concerned with the variants. Mr. Peterson will continue to review as May 1st gets closer.

Councilor Swanson invited staff and Councilors to the Arbor Day celebration on April 30, 2021 at the Cloquet High School/Middle School grounds.

Public Works Director Caleb Peterson shared information regarding the Boldt Clean Up Day on April 24th.

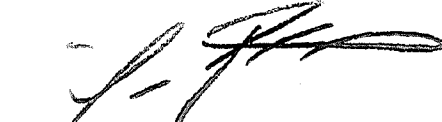
CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Wilkinson seconded the motion to adjourn into a closed session pursuant to MN State Statute 13D.05, subd. 3 (b) allowing a closed meeting to protect the attorney/client privilege to discuss litigation strategy in pending litigation. The motion carried unanimously (7-0). The time is 6:44 p.m.

MOTION: Councilor Kolodge moved and Councilor Lamb seconded the motion to re-open the meeting. The motion carried unanimously (7-0). The time is 7:24 p.m. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

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