

Cloquet Council Chambers
6:00 P.M. September 7, 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 Lamb seconded the motion to approve the September 7, 2021 agenda. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

MINUTES

MOTION: Councilor Jaakola moved and Councilor Carlson seconded the motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of August 17, 2021 as presented. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Resolution No. 21-44, Authorizing the Payment of Bills and Payroll
- b. Resolution No. 21-42, Approving Off Site Gambling Permit for Eagles Aerie #1163
- c. Resolution No. 21-43, Approving New Lawful Gambling Premises Permit Application – R.E.A.C.H., Inc.
- d. Optional 2AM Liquor License Renewal - Lumberjack Lounge, LLC

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS

- a. Pine Valley Recreation Area Master Plan – Karen Luger and Dan Hindsman from SEH reviewed the final draft of the Pine Valley Recreation Area Master Plan.

MOTION: Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Jaakola seconded the motion to adopt the final Pine Valley Recreation Area Master Plan for submittal to the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission for consideration Regional Designation for future funding applications.

CONSIDERATION OF CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT

MOTION: Councilor Kolodge moved and Councilor Carlson seconded the motion to approve the appointment of Michelle Pederson to the Citizens Advisory Board to fill the current vacancy. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

FINANCE DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT

MOTION: Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Swanson seconded the motion to appoint Joshua Bailey to the position of Finance Director. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

2022 PRELIMINARY BUDGET REVIEW

City Administrator Peterson reviewed the preliminary 2022 Budget. Important highlights include: preliminary estimate of Cloquet's taxable market value increased by 4.49%; the proposed LGA increase is \$46,100; staff is recommending the preliminary levy increase set at 3.49%; a potential health insurance increase of 5%; Police Department expenditure increase totaling \$253,000; and overall worker's compensation increase total \$170,000.

Peterson stated the levy will be set and the truth and taxation hearing will take place at the September 21, 2021 Council meeting.

WATER UTILITY DROUGHT PLAN

MOTION: Councilor Jaakola moved and Councilor Lamb seconded the motion to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 21-45, RESTRICTING NONESSENTIAL WATER USAGE UPON DROUGHT CONDITIONS AS AUTHORIZED BY MINNESOTA STATUTE 103G.291 AND CLOQUET CITY CODE 11.3.01**. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2021, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources declared a state-wide draught warning phase under the State Draught Plan; and

WHEREAS, a draught warning requires the City to implement water use restrictions as contained in City's approved Water Supply Plan; and

WHEREAS, all public water suppliers must implement water use reduction actions with a goal limiting water use to 50% above average January levels; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Cloquet City Code 11.3.01 Subd. 7 the Council has authority, by resolution, to limit times and hours during which City water may be used for sprinkling and irrigation.

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

1. **City-wide lawn sprinkling restrictions will be effective immediately and shall continue until further Council action, pursuant to the following conditions:**
 - a. Watering of turf grass shall be restricted on an odd/even basis.
 - i. Homes or businesses with even-numbered addresses may water their lawns on even-numbered dates.
 - ii. Homes or businesses with odd-numbered addresses may water on odd-numbered dates.
 - b. Bushes, flowers, trees, and vegetable gardens may be watered on any day with a hose, drip line, bucket, or tree watering bag.
 - c. No watering of any kind is allowed from 11am-5pm daily to minimize evaporation.
 - d. Restrictions are in effect for property served by City water only and do not apply to rain catchment systems or other non-potable water sources.
 - e. A 30-day exception shall be made for newly installed sod or seed outside of the prohibited 6-hour window.
 - f. For player safety, irrigation restrictions will not apply to athletic fields during or prior to the scheduled season except for the prohibited 6-hour window.
 - g. Violations of sprinkling restrictions shall constitute a violation of City Code and are subject to penalty including a \$50 utility bill surcharge per occurrence.

AWARDING 2021 SCADA SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

MOTION: Councilor Kolodge moved and Councilor Swanson seconded the motion to adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 21-46, AWARDING 2021 SCADA SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS**. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

WHEREAS, The City has completed plans and specifications for electrical improvements associated with planned Computerized Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system upgrades and

WHEREAS, The City of Cloquet requested and received the following quotes for the project:

#	Bidder	Base	Alternates 1-2	Total Bid
1	Taylor Electric Company	\$ 23,654.00	\$ 29,673.00	\$ 53,327.00
2	Parsons Electric	\$ 24,474.00	\$ 30,816.00	\$ 55,290.00
3	Amptek	\$ 47,570.00	\$ 32,720.00	\$ 80,290.00

AND WHEREAS, The apparent low bid from **Taylor Electric Company** 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 **Taylor Electric Company** in the amount of \$53,327.00 is hereby accepted.

PLA AMENDMENT DISCUSSION

City Council continued discussion regarding adding prevailing wage language to the PLA. Public comments opposing such an amendment were heard from Craig Olson, President of Duluth Building and Trades; Dan Olson, Business Manager for Local 1091; and Matt, licensed journeyman electrician.

Council debated having continued discussion with the labor union to come to an agreement that would satisfy all parties.

MOTION: Councilor Jaakola moved and Councilor Lamb seconded the motion to have further discussion with the labor union in an open meeting to make a decision together.

MOTION: Councilor Jaakola moved and Councilor Lamb seconded the motion to rescind the previous motion to have an open meeting with the labor union for continued discussion. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Administrator Peterson will schedule a work session that will include all parties potentially affected by an amendment to the PLA.

COUNCIL COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

Councilor Swanson thanked all who contributed to the Labor Day celebration.

City Administrator Peterson reminded that electronic council meeting packets will be electronic starting with the October 5th Council meeting.

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