

Cloquet Council Chambers
5:00 P.M. October 5, 2021

Work Session

Duluth Building and Trades Local 1091 representatives Dan Olson and Andy Campbell were present, as well as Cloquet resident Lee Anderson, to provide more information and answer any questions about the PLA that Council may still have. City Administrator Peterson stated this meeting is for discussion purposes and that no decisions will be made or motions passed during this meeting.

Regular Meeting

Roll Call

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

Councilors Absent: Wilkinson

Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Carlson seconded the motion to approve the October 5, 2021 agenda. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

MINUTES

MOTION: Councilor Jaakola moved and Councilor Swanson seconded the motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of September 21, 2021 as presented. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Kolodge moved and Councilor Swanson seconded the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda of October 5, 2021, approving the necessary motions and resolutions. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

- a. Resolution No. 21-52, Authorizing the Payment of Bills and Payroll
- b. Resolution No. 21-54, Approving Final Plans for State Aid Project No. 009-603-040 On County State Aid Highway 3 (14th Street)
- c. Resolution No. 21-55, Entering Into MNDOT Agreement No. 104-7967 with the State of Minnesota
- d. 2022 Western Lake Superior Sanitary District Budget
- e. Resolution No. 21-53, Approving Exempt Permit to Conduct a Raffle Event for the Cloquet Community Memorial Hospital Foundation

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS

- a. Police Officers Holshouser, Nordquist, Kaldor, Haglund, Magdzas, Timmons and Conley read the Oath of Office for their positions as Police Officers for the City of Cloquet.
- b. Mayor Maki read a proclamation proclaiming October as Manufacturing Month in the City of Cloquet.

ARENA OPERATIONS AND USE AGREEMENT

MOTION: Councilor Carlson moved and Councilor Jaakola seconded the motion to approve the revised Arena Operations and Use Agreement between the City of Cloquet and the Cloquet Area Hockey Association. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

TOWARDS ZERO DEATHS GRANT

MOTION: Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Kolodge seconded the motion to adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 21-56, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLOQUET POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CARLTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND FOND DU LAC POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO ACT AS THE PRIMARY AGENCY IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE REGIONAL TOWARDS ZERO DEATHS (TZD) GRANT.** The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

WHEREAS, The Towards Zero Deaths (TZD) Program provides technical assistance, materials, and guidance to local groups that are committed to reducing crashes and fatalities; and

WHEREAS, The Cloquet Police Department has been a participating member in the TZD Program for over a decade; and

WHEREAS, In order to be awarded the TZD Grant, the Department of Public Safety requires a Resolution authorizing participation in the project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLOQUET, MINNESOTA, That the Cloquet Police Department be authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, for traffic safety enforcement projects during the period from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cloquet Police Department through its Chief of Police, Derek Randall, Commander David O'Connor and/or Officer Brett Reinsch, are hereby authorized to execute such agreements and amendments as necessary to implement the project on behalf of the Cloquet Police Department and to be the fiscal agent and administer the grant.

UTILITY RATE DISCUSSION

Public Works Director Peterson gave an overview of the utility fund by reviewing a 10-year period historic and projected sewer and water operating maintenance budget. Mr. Peterson explained we are right where we need to be based on the 3-year forecast. He also noted the water tower debt will be paid in a couple of years. Mr. Peterson noted we are reaching the end of the water meter life and will need to replace meters around the city and that technology options are being researched. The rate increase for 2022 will be identical to the 2021 increase which amounts to \$3.35/month for the average household user.

COUNCIL COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

Council discussed how to move forward with the PLA discussion and agreed there are three items that need union response before making any decisions; increasing the \$175,000 threshold, public vs private projects, and amending Section 10 by adding language allowing non-union contractors to participate in a qualifying benefit and pension package.

Councilor Swanson encouraged the community to attend the showing of "Screenagers" at the library. The documentary talks about the influence of technology on today's teens.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Tim Peterson, City Administrator