

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

MINUTES

MOTION: Councilor Swanson moved and Councilor Carlson seconded the motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of November 16, 2021 as presented. The motion carried unanimously (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 December 7, 2021, approving the necessary motions and resolutions. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

- a. Resolution No. 21-72, Authorizing the Payment of Bills and Payroll
- b. Liability Coverage Tort Waiver Consideration
- c. Approve 2021 Independent Auditor
- d. Approval of 2022 Minnesota City Participation Program (MNCPP)
- e. Resolution No. 21-78, Entering into MNDOT Agreement No. 1047967 with the State of MN
- f. Public Works Position Appointment – A. Schneider
- g. Approval of 2022 Business License Renewals
- h. Approval of New Tobacco License – KornerStore
- i. Approval of Raffle Permit Application – Cloquet Youth Baseball/Softball Association
- j. Approval of Raffle Permit Application – Queen of Peace Parish
- k. Approval of Offsite Gambling Permit Application – Eagles Aerie 1163

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. 14th Street Utility Improvements, Phase 2

Mayor Maki announced now is the time and place for the public hearing on the 17th Street Utility Improvements, Phase 2, from Prospect Avenue to Tall Pine Lane.

MOTION: Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Kolodge seconded the motion to open the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously (7-0). The time is 6:14 p.m.

Cloquet resident John Zissos inquired about the time frame of round-about construction. Assistant City Engineer John Anderson stated it will start after school is out for the summer and as weather allows.

Hearing no further comments, the public hearing was closed. The time is 6:16 p.m.

MOTION: Councilor Wilkinson moved and Councilor Jaakola seconded the motion to adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 21-77, ORDERING IMPROVEMENT FOR THE UTILITY RECONSTRUCTION OF PROPOSED 2022 IMPROVEMENT OF 14TH STREET FROM PROSPECT AVENUE TO TALL PINE LANE.** The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

b. Truth in Taxation

Mayor Maki announced now is the time and place for the public hearing on the adoption of the 2022 Budget, 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan, and Property Tax Levy.

MOTION: Councilor Jaakola moved and Councilor Swanson seconded the motion to open the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously (7-0). The time is 6:24 p.m.

One resident commented he would like to see his taxes lowered because he lives in a location that doesn't benefit from city provisions. City Administrator Peterson gave a brief explanation of services that taxes help to pay for and offered to review his tax statement.

Hearing no further public comments, the hearing was closed.

MOTION: Councilor Swanson moved and Councilor Lamb seconded the motion to close the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously (7-0). The time is 6:29 p.m.

MOTION: Councilor Wilkinson moved and Councilor Lamb seconded the motion to approve the 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Plan. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

MOTION: Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Carlson seconded them motion to adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 21-70, ADOPTING THE 2022 BUDGET.** The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

WHEREAS, The City Administrator has prepared an annual budget and the City Council has reviewed the 2022 budget; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 275, Section 065 of Minnesota Statutes requires that the City adopt a 2022 levy and budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLOQUET, MINNESOTA, That there be and is hereby set aside for the year 2022 for the following departments and funds:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
General	\$8,597,500	\$8,596,500
LDO Loan (EDA)	46,850	2,200
Federal CDGB Loan (EDA)	10,000	17,500
Economic Development Loan (City)	11,550	2,000
Small Cities Development (EDA)	8,000	10,000
Library	644,000	738,250
Tax Increment – Trails Edge	25,000	12,500
Tax Increment – 14 th Street Apartments	58,300	58,300
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	103,000	112,500
Swimming Pond Bonds	105,750	101,800
City Sales Tax Bonds	547,300	547,300
Facilities Bonds	102,250	93,800
Permanent Improvement	330,000	6,500
Public Works Reserve	290,000	294,000
Revolving Capital Projects	865,000	865,000
City Sales Tax Projects	1,015,000	2,603,800
Employee Severance Benefits	10,000	30,000
Water – Lake Superior Waterline	2,765,000	2,772,550
Water – In-Town System	2,016,100	2,275,170
Sewer Utility	1,967,000	1,749,450
Stormwater Utility	332,000	314,300
TOTAL:	<u>\$20,024,600</u>	<u>\$21,328,420</u>

MOTION: Councilor Swanson moved and Councilor Lamb seconded the motion to adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 21-71, ADOPTING SUMS OF MONEY TO BE LEVIED FOR LEVY YEAR 2021, PAYABLE IN 2022.** The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

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 2021, payable in 2022, upon taxable property in the City of Cloquet, for the following purposes:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Levy</u>
General	\$2,362,200
Public Works Reserve	255,000
Library	415,000
GO Swimming Pond Debt	105,750
Facilities Bonds	<u>102,250</u>
 TOTAL LEVY	 <u>\$3,240,200</u>

PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

APPOINTMENT OF DETECTIVE

MOTION: Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Swanson seconded the appointment of Ron Timmons to the position of Detective effective December 8, 2021. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

APPOINTMENT OF POLICE OFFICER

MOTION: Councilor Jaakola moved and Councilor Lamb seconded the appointment of Jared Braveheart to the position of Police Officer effective December 8, 2021. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

AWARD 14TH STREET (PHASE 2) UTILITY PROJECT BID

MOTION: Councilor Swanson moved and Councilor Carlson seconded the motion to adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 21-73, RECOMMENDING THE AWARD OF THE PROPOSED 2022 14TH STREET UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS.** The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

WHEREAS, A resolution of the Council adopted on October 1, 2019, entered a Construction Agreement with Carlton County for the improvement of 14th Street, and

WHEREAS, A resolution of the Council adopted on October 20, 2020, ordered the improvement of 14th Street, an updated that resolution on December 7, 2021 and

WHEREAS, Carlton County advertised for and received the following bids for the project:

No.	Bidder	Total Bid
1	Ulland Brothers, Inc.	\$4,245,993.45
2	Veit & Company, Inc.	\$4,674,975.00
3	RL Larson Excavating Inc.	\$4,706,827.55
4	Casper Construction, Inc.	\$4,904,000.00
5	TNT Construction Group LLC	\$5,088,000.00
6	Northland Constructors of Duluth, Inc.	\$5,361,300.00
7	KGM Contractors, Inc.	\$5,392,181.38
	Engineer's Estimate	\$5,289,374.20

AND WHEREAS, The apparent low bid from Ulland Brothers, Inc. 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 City Council recommend award of the 14th Street Improvement (phase 2) to Ulland Brothers Inc in the amount of \$4,245,993.45.

PUBLIC WORKS TRUCK PURCHASE REVISION

MOTION: Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Wilkinson seconded the motion to authorize the purchase of one RAM 5500 from Dodge of Burnsville in the amount of \$36,843.00. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

COUNCIL COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND UPDATES

Chief Randall commented the newest police vehicles are in the process of being striped and should be on the road next month.

Randall also stated that the police department has started community engagement events again, starting with the chili feed that took place during Santa's Home for the Holidays. Approximately 300 people attended and approximately \$600 of donations were received. Shop with a Cop took place tonight and December 15th will be Stuff the Squad.

Councilor Swanson congratulated the organizers of Santa's Home for the Holidays on the success of the weekend's events. The amount of people taking part indicates the community's need to get back to normal.

Administrator Peterson inquired how Councilors would like to proceed with his annual evaluation. Mr. Barclay will send out the evaluation form to Councilors to complete. It was agreed they would like to conduct a verbal evaluation in a closed session at the December 21st 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