

## CLOQUET CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

**Present:** Bjerckness, Kolodge, Langley, Maki, Rock, Mayor Hallback  
**Absent:** None  
**Staff:** Reeves, Barclay, Hansen, Klassen, Anderson, Peterson, Palmer  
**Other:** J. Lund, Pine Journal

### **Members Cooperative Credit Union Building Tour**

The Council began the Work Session by touring the Members Cooperative Credit Union building and then returned to City Hall for discussion. Mr. Reeves reviewed the SEH inspection report detailing the building's condition separating into three categories: required now, long term, and wants but not necessary. Mr. Reeves also included the full building appraisal stating their sale price remains under the appraised value.

Discussion followed regarding the current City Hall and Public Safety buildings. Mr. Reeves discussed the 3 potential opportunities that exist for City Hall and viable options that exist for the public safety building.

Council agreed to move forward with a purchase agreement for review and approval at the May 1, 2018 City Council meeting. Mr. Reeves will also arrange for an appraisal to be done on City Hall.

### **Friends of Animals Update**

Mr. Reeves updated the Council on the status of the cancelled Friends of Animals contract with the City. The City has ceased all payments to FOA and has since reached out to Animal Allies in Hermantown to discuss the possibility of using them for impound services. They have agreed to take any dangerous animals needing impound for now. Their Board will be discussing a long-term contract with the City to be our impound location.

FOA has since proposed a new contract with a \$52/day fee to house stray animals but provide no other services to the City. Review of their old contract and their new proposed contract. Discussion followed regarding the portions of City Code dealing with animals running at large, strays, etc. If we do not have a proper impound facility we cannot enforce this section of Code.

Mr. Reeves recommends continuing to work with Animal Allies to negotiate a long-term agreement for impound services.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Reeves  
City Administrator