

Cloquet Council Chambers
6:00 P.M. September 6, 2022

Regular Meeting

Roll Call

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

Councilors Absent: Kolodge

Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Jaakola seconded the motion to approve the September 6, 2022 agenda. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

MINUTES

MOTION: Councilor Carlson moved and Councilor Wilkinson seconded the motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of August 16, 2022 as presented. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Greta Jarvinen, Kelly Avenue resident, addressed the Council on the ongoing issues on their street stating there has been no improvement. Ms. Jarvinen inquired about a follow up meeting that is yet to be scheduled as they are still looking for guidance.

Peggy Anderson, resident of Birch Street, commented on the continued need for air conditioning at the Sr. Center. City Administrator Peterson stated that it is budget for summer of 2023.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Jaakola moved and Councilor Lamb seconded the motion to adopt the amended Consent Agenda of September 6, 2022, moving item 6.e, *Cloquet River Run Street Closure Request* to Council Business as item 9.e, approving the necessary motions and resolutions. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

- a. Resolution No. 22-63, Authorizing the Payment of Bills and Payroll
- b. Issuance of Building Permit Refunds
- c. Resolution No. 22-65, Entering into an Agreement with Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa for Public Use and Maintenance of the Pine Valley West Ski Trail
- d. West End Flourish Street Closure Request
- e. Temporary On-Sale Liquor License – Food for Thought
- f. Resolution No. 22-64, Approving Off-Site Gambling for Eagles Aerie #1163

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

2023 PRELIMINARY BUDGET REVIEW

City Administrator Peterson stated that no changes have been made to the general budget from what was previously presented. Important items to be noted include a proposed LGA increase of \$72,200, estimated 10% health insurance increase, Police Department expenditures increase of \$200,625, Parks Department expenditures increased by \$43,800, and American Rescue Plan funding is included in the 2023 and 2024 budgets.

MOTION: Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Wilkinson seconded the motion to approve a 6.5% tax levy (\$3,450.825) with the possibility of decreasing to 5.97% (\$3,433.625) in December. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

CHAPTER 17 ZONING MAP AMENDMENT, ORDINANCE NO 501A – 2ND READING

MOTION: Councilor Wilkinson moved and Councilor Jaakola seconded the motion to adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 22-62, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT (LAND USE PLAN) FROM “LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL” TO “HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL”**. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

WHEREAS, Pru Properties LLC is proposing a Comprehensive Plan Amendment (Land Use Plan) from “Low Density 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 August 10, 2022, at which time Zoning Case / Development Review No. 22-09 was heard and discussed; and

WHEREAS, the property of the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment (Land Use Plan) is located northwest of Holmes Drive and 8th Street and is legally described as follows:

Lots 4 – 6, Block 5, and that part of the adjacent vacated 7th Street and Taylor Avenue, City of Cloquet Junttis Addition, and that portion of Taylor Avenue lying west of the centerline of 7th Street, Luomalas Addition, 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 22-09 for a comprehensive plan amendment (land use plan) from “Low Density Residential” to “Highway Commercial”.

MOTION: Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Wilkinson seconded the motion to approve **ORDINANCE NO. 501A, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 17 BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF CLOQUET FROM “R1 - SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE” TO “RC – REGIONAL COMMERCIAL”**. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

Section 1. The Zoning Map of the City of Cloquet is hereby amended to change the zoning designation of the following described property from R1 – Single-Family Residence to RC – Regional Commercial:

Lots 4 – 6, Block 5, and that part of the adjacent vacated 7th Street and Taylor Avenue, City of Cloquet Junttis Addition, and that portion of Taylor Avenue lying west of the centerline of 7th Street, Luomalas Addition, Carlton County, Minnesota.

Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication in accordance with law.

TANDEM DUMP TRUCK PURCHASE

MOTION: Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Carlson seconded the motion to order an International tandem dump truck from Mid-State Truck Service of Duluth in the amount of \$114,571.96 including trade. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

DUMP BOX AND PLOW PACKAGE PURCHASE

MOTION: Councilor Jaakola moved and Councilor Lamb seconded the motion to authorize the purchase of a dump box and plow package from Townmaster Equipment in the amount of \$176,470.00. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

CLOQUET RIVER RUN STREET CLOSURE REQUEST

MOTION: Councilor Jaakola moved and Councilor Carlson seconded the motion to approve the request to close residential area streets around Churchill Elementary School and portions of Hwy 33 to the River Trail and through Dunlap Island for the October 1, 2022 Cloquet River Run, requesting that spray chalk be used to mark the route instead of paint. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

COUNCIL COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND UPDATES

Mayor Maki thanked staff and all who were involved with installation of the new scoreboard at Mettner Field.

Councilor Lamb commented on the new roundabout on Washington Avenue that is now open and reminded motorists to use extra caution now that school traffic has started.

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