

Cloquet Council Chambers
6:00 P.M. October 4, 2022

Regular Meeting

Roll Call

Councilors Present: Carlson, Lamb, 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 October 4, 2022 agenda. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

MINUTES

MOTION: Councilor Carlson moved and Councilor Wilkinson seconded the motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of September 20, 2022 as presented. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Carlson seconded the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda of October 4, 2022, approving the necessary motions and resolutions. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

- a. Resolution No. 22-70, Authorizing the Payment of Bills and Payroll
- b. Authorize Disposal of Surplus Equipment
- c. Award 2022 Gravel Bid from Omar's Sand and Gravel

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

APPROVING PRELIMINARY 5-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR 2023-2027

MOTION: Councilor Kolodge moved and Councilor Lamb seconded the motion to approve the preliminary five (5) year Capital Improvement Plan for 2023-2027 and to set the date for the public hearing and adoption of the 2023 budget and property tax levy for December 6, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously (6-0)

SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR 2022 AMI IMPROVEMENTS

MOTION: Councilor Jaakola moved and Councilor Wilkinson seconded the motion to adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 22-72, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SOLICITATION OF BIDS FOR 2022 WATER METER REPLACEMENT ADVANCE METERING INFRASTRUCTURE (AMI) SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS.** The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

WHEREAS, The city's network of water meters which monitor water and sewer use for roughly 3,000 customers is approaching 20 years old and has reached the end of its useful life; and

WHEREAS, Replacement of the existing meter system was budgeted beginning in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Advances in technology over the past 20 years have resulted in Advance Metering Infrastructure (AMI) systems to improve operational efficiencies and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, AMI technology will improve customer service and reduce costs for both the city and our customers over the life of the system; and

WHEREAS, The City now wishes to proceed with these improvements.

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

The City Engineer is hereby authorized to advertise and solicit bids for such Improvements.

PRE-AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF 1-TON PICK-UP TRUCK AND BOX BUILD

MOTION: Councilor Kolodge moved and Councilor Lamb seconded the motion to pre-authorize the purchase of one 1-ton truck and box build from a dealership not to exceed \$65,000. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

PRE-AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF 1-TON PICK UP-TRUCK, PLOW AND SANDER

MOTION: Councilor Carlson moved and Councilor Jaakola seconded the motion to pre-authorize the purchase of one 1-ton truck, box build, plow and sander from a dealership not to exceed \$80,000. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

SANTA’S HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

MOTION: Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Wilkinson seconded the motion to approve the Pine Knot News as coordinators of Santa’s Home for the Holidays. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

COUNCIL COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND UPDATES

City Administrator Peterson spoke about the Department of Employment and Economic Development’s (DEED) stop in Cloquet earlier in the day. Members of DEED toured Sappi to gain information and learn more about how the state can help make economic development stronger in NE Minnesota. City staff presented on the Sappi waterline project and the impact that Sappi has to the entire area. Other participants included representatives from the school district, FDLTCC, FDL and Community Memorial Hospital.

Councilor Kolodge stated he received a call from a food truck operator regarding city ordinance preventing him from operating his truck at the bike event recently held at Pine Valley. Administrator Peterson stated with more food truck requests coming in, it may be time to revisit the ordinance and allow food trucks to operate outside of only city sponsored events. Items for councilors to think about include a permit process and fee, requirements, and allowed locations and times.

Councilor Jaakola gave a reminder that October 10th is Indigenous Peoples Day.

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