

Cloquet Council Chambers  
6:00 P.M. November 1, 2022

#### Roll Call

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

Councilors Absent: Lamb

Pledge of Allegiance

#### AGENDA

**MOTION:** Councilor Jaakola moved and Councilor Wilkinson seconded the motion to approve the November 1, 2022 agenda. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

#### MINUTES

**MOTION:** Councilor Carlson moved and Councilor Kolodge seconded the motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of October 18, 2022 as presented. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

**MOTION:** Councilor Wilkinson moved and Councilor Jaakola seconded the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda of November 1, 2022, approving the necessary motions and resolutions. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

- a. Resolution No. 22-77, Authorizing the Payment of Bills and Payroll
- b. Resolution No. 22-75, An amended Resolution Approving Transfer of a Vacant Single-Family Residential Lot at 333 20<sup>th</sup> Steet from the City of Cloquet to Sherman, Inc. for the Development of Housing; and Execution of Purchase Agreements

#### PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

#### PRESENTATIONS

Mayor's Proclamation – National Native American Heritage Month

#### ADMINISTRATIVE POLICE SECRETARY APPOINTMENT

**MOTION:** Councilor Wilkinson moved and Councilor Carlson seconded the motion to approve the six-month probationary appointment of Lynn Johnson to the position of Administrative Police Secretary effective November 2, 2022. The motion carried unanimously (5-0)

#### APPROVE POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE PURCHASES

**MOTION:** Councilor Kolodge moved and Councilor Jaakola seconded the motion to approve the purchase of one 2023 Dodge Ram 4x4 SSV for a purchase price of \$37,445 and two Dodge Durangos for \$38,659 each in 2023, plus an additional \$31,970 for purchase and installation of necessary squad equipment. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

#### REVIEW OF 2023 UTILITY BUDGET

Public Works Director Caleb Peterson gave Council an annual review of the 2023 utility budget, where the challenges are and what it looks like moving forward. Mr. Peterson noted that the only adjustment made to the plan put in place 5-6 years ago was a small adjustment to the proposed water rates. Total monthly bills for water and sewer are expected to increase by approximately \$4.00 for an average residential customer. An examination of Cloquet utility rates versus other cities in our area found Cloquet's rates to be among the lowest regionally. No action by the Council is needed tonight.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND UPDATES**

City Administrator Peterson gave a reminder of the upcoming General Election, November 8<sup>th</sup>, which includes 2 sales tax questions on the ballot. Feel free to contact him if there are any questions about the sales tax.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Tim Peterson, City Administrator