

CONSENT AGENDAL

MOTION: Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Wilkinson seconded the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda of October 3, 2023, approving the necessary motions and resolutions. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

- a. Resolution No. 23-46, Authorizing the Payment of Bills and Payroll
- b. Approve Sale of Public Works Vehicle
- c. Approve FDL Food for Thought Temporary Liquor License

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

CLOQUET AREA FIRE DISTRICT REQUEST FOR FUNDS

CAFD Buhs addressed the Council with a formal request for \$165,000 of the \$556,397 one-time public safety aid the city will be receiving from the state. The request is to help CAFD with projects related to the health and safety of their staff and to enhance emergency response within the city and their service area which extends beyond city limits.

Chief Buhs stated there are two systems that the funding would be used for, they are a vehicle exhaust system and station alerting system. The estimated total for purchase and installation of these systems is estimated at \$165,000.

Discussion took place on the CAFD communicating with state representatives for help and guidance to work with the legislature on revenue challenges for them.

MOTION: Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Wilkinson seconded the motion to deny the request from the Cloquet Area Fire District for \$165,000 of the \$556,397 one-time public safety aid the city is receiving from the state. The motion carried (6-1), Carlson denied.

TOWARDS ZERO DEATHS GRANT

MOTION: Councilor Jaakola moved and Councilor Lamb seconded the motion to adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 23-47, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLOQUET POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CARLTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND FOND DU LAC POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ACT AS PRIMARY AGENCY IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE REGIONAL TOWARDS ZERO DEATHS (TZD) GRANT** in the amount of \$32,100.00. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

WHEREAS, The Towards Zero Deaths (TZD) Program provides technical assistance, materials, and guidance to local groups that are committed to reducing crashes and fatalities; and

WHEREAS, The Cloquet Police Department has been a participating member in the TZD Program for over a decade; and

WHEREAS, In order to be awarded the TZD Grant, the Department of Public Safety requires a Resolution authorizing participation in the project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLOQUET, MINNESOTA, That the Cloquet Police Department be authorized to enter into a grant agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for traffic safety enforcement projects during the period from October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cloquet Police Department, through Chief of Police, Derek Randall, Commander David O'Connor and/or Officer Brett Reinsch, are hereby authorized to execute such agreements and amendments as necessary to implement the project on behalf of the Cloquet Police Department and to be the fiscal agent and administer the grant.

COUNCIL COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND UPDATES

Councilor Jaakola reminded that October 9th is Indigenous Peoples Day and there will be many activities for everyone.

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

Cloquet City Hall Council Chambers
5:00 P.M. October 3, 2023

5:00 Work Session

- Rental Housing Discussion

Community Development Director Holly Hansen discussed potentially implementing Rental Housing Licensing. Ms. Hansen provided information gathered on rental licensing from Grand Rapids and Bemidji as examples. Discussion items included a review of the city's Rental Housing Regulations as well as discussion on rental inspections, city staffing if implemented, licensing fees, vacant building registration and the International Property Maintenance Code used for widespread property maintenance standards.

Administrator Peterson stated the purpose of tonight's conversation is for information on implementing a Rental Housing License, ask questions, and for council to give staff direction.

Further discussion took place on what rental properties would be affected, fees collected from the license and how to pay for a full-time position if licensing is implemented.

Peterson suggested a Work Session inviting rental property owners to take part in the conversation and for Council to get feedback from them. Council agreed for Peterson to schedule a Work Session for further conversation.

Council also agreed the city should pass the International Property Maintenance Code as a separate item as well as have discussion on a vacant building registry.

6:00 Regular Meeting

Roll Call

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

Councilors Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Carlson seconded the motion to approve the October 3, 2023 agenda. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

MINUTES

MOTION: Councilor Kolodge moved and Councilor Keller seconded the motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of September 19, 2023 as presented. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.