

Cloquet City Hall Council Chambers  
6:00 P.M. February 20, 2024

Roll Call

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

Councilors Absent: Kolodge

Pledge of Allegiance

### **AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Councilor Carlson moved and Councilor Keller seconded the motion to approve the February 20, 2024 agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

### **MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Councilor Jaakola moved and Councilor Lamb seconded the motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of February 6, 2024 as presented. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Wilkinson seconded the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda of February 20, 2024, approving the necessary motions and resolutions. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

- a. Resolution No. 24-12, Authorizing the Payment of Bills
- b. Authorize 2023 Budgeted Transfers
- c. Authorize the Sale of Surplus Equipment – Unit 504, 2005 Chevy K1500
- d. Resolution No. 24-14, Approving the Conditional Use Permit for 3W Properties, Inc. for (2) Two-Family Dwellings in the R1-Single Family Residence District
- e. Resolution No. 24-18, Approving Exempt Permit to Conduct a Raffle Event for the Knights of Columbus
- f. Approve Temporary On-Sale Liquor License, Queen of Peace School

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

There were none.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

There were none.

**CLOQUET HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT**

**MOTION:** Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Carlson seconded the motion to appoint Cheryl Olson to fill a vacancy after the resignation of Brenda Carlson on the Cloquet Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) Board. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

**SUPPORTING MULTIMODAL USE OF HWY 33 CORRIDOR**

**MOTION:** Councilor Wilkinson moved and Councilor Keller seconded **RESOLUTION NO. 24-15, SUPPORTING MULTIMODAL USE OF HIGHWAY 33 CORRIDOR BETWEEN BIG LAKE ROAD AND CLOQUET AVENUE.** The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

**WHEREAS,** The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDOT) plans to make improvements along Minnesota Highway 33 (Hwy 33) thru Cloquet in 2028 as part of their Capital Highway Investment Plan (CHIP); and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Cloquet recognizes Hwy 33 from Big Lake Road to Cloquet Avenue as critical multimodal corridor for the City and region; and

**WHEREAS,** MNDOT is currently in the process of planning for and seeking public input on possible corridor improvements; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Cloquet has studied this corridor extensively in recent years including the adoption of a Trail Master Plan, Corridor Landscape Study and Trail Framework all of which identify a strong need and desire to accommodate pedestrian, bicycle, ATV, and snowmobile traffic along this critical route; and

**WHEREAS,** Traffic of all types currently use this section of Hwy 33 daily without safe accommodations.

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

1. The City of Cloquet supports and encourages MNDOT's efforts to plan for Highway 33 improvements which would accommodate multimodal use.
2. The City of Cloquet further supports study of the feasibility to accommodate an adjacent motorized trail along Highway 33 from Big Lake Road to Cloquet Avenue.

**APPROVING FINAL LAYOUT FOR STATE AID HIGHWAY 16 – WASHINGTON AVE**

**MOTION:** Councilor Carlson moved and Councilor Lamb seconded the motion to adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 24-16, APPROVING FINAL LAYOUT FOR STATE AID PROJECT NO. 009-616-005 ON COUNTY STATE AID HIGHWAY 16 (WASHINGTON AVENUE).** The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

**WHEREAS,** Plans for Carlton County Project No. SAP 009-616-005 showing the proposed alignment, profile grades and cross-sections for the construction, reconstruction or improvement of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) No. 16 with the limits of the City of Cloquet as a State Aid Project has been prepared and presented to the City; and

**WHEREAS**, Carlton County seeks the approval thereof, as described in Minnesota Statutes 162.02 subd 8.

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

that said plans for the improvement of CSAH 16 (Washington Avenue) within the corporate limits of the City of Cloquet are hereby approved.

**2024-2025 COMMUNITY EDUCATION AGREEMENT**

**MOTION:** Councilor Jaakola moved and Councilor Lamb seconded the motion to approve the 2024-2025 Agreement with Cloquet ISD #94 and Cloquet Community Education. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

**CALLING FOR PUBLIC HEARING – HOTEL SOLEM**

**MOTION:** Councilor Carlson moved and Councilor Wilkinson seconded the motion to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 24-13, CALLING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT NO. 7, THE PROPOSED ADOPTION OF A DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM THEREFOR, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT NO. 7-1, AND THE PROPOSED ADOPTION OF A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN RELATING THERETO.** The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council (the "Council") of the City of Cloquet, Minnesota (the "City"), as follows:

1. Public Hearing. This Council shall meet on April 2, 2024, at approximately 6:00 p.m., to hold a public hearing on the following matters: (a) the proposed establishment of Development District No. 7; (b) the proposed adoption of a Development Program for Development District No. 7; (c) the proposed establishment of Tax Increment Financing District No. 7-1 within Development District No. 7; and (d) the proposed adoption of a Tax Increment Financing Plan relating thereto, all pursuant to and in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.124 through 469.133, both inclusive, as amended, and Minnesota Statutes, Sections 469.174 through 469.1794, both inclusive, as amended (collectively, the "Act").
2. Notice of Hearing; Filing of Program and Plan. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a notice of the hearing, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, to be published as required by the Act and to place copies of the proposed Development Program and the proposed Tax Increment Financing Plan on file in the office of the Community Development Director at City Hall and to make such copies available for inspection by the public.
3. Consultation with Other Taxing Jurisdictions. The City Clerk is hereby directed to mail a notice of the public hearing and a copy of the proposed Development Program and the proposed Tax Increment Financing Plan to Carlton County and Independent School District No. 94 informing those taxing jurisdictions of the estimated fiscal and economic impact of the establishment of the proposed tax increment financing district.

**2024 CLOQUET/SCANLON HOUSING STUDY CONSULTANT**

**MOTION:** Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Keller seconded the motion to hire Stantec as the consultant to conduct the 2024 Cloquet/Scanlon Housing Study in the amount of \$29,960.00. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).

**SPONGY MOTH UPDATE**

Administrator Peterson received communication from the Dept. of Agriculture for permission to spray 2 areas of Cloquet for Spongy Moth (Gypsy Moth) this summer, as they have in the past. They are requesting a letter from the city authorizing them to spray those areas. Councilors agreed for Peterson to send a letter of authorization.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND UPDATES**

Councilor Jaakola shared informed on the theater production “Misdemeanor Dream” by Spiderwoman Theater on March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Cloquet High School.

Administrator Peterson stated the Presidential Primary Election is March 5<sup>th</sup> and reminded that the Council meeting has been scheduled for March 6<sup>th</sup>.

**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