

Roll Call

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

Councilors Absent: Keller, Jaakola

Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Kolodge moved and Councilor Lamb seconded the motion to approve the March 6, 2024 agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

MINUTES

MOTION: Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Carlson seconded the motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of February 20, 2024 as presented. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Wilkinson moved and Councilor Kolodge seconded the motion to adopt the Consent Agenda of March 6, 2024, approving the necessary motions and resolutions. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

- a. Resolution No. 24-19, Authorizing the Payment of Bills and Payroll

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Assistant Public Works Director John Anderson gave an overview of the proposed 8th Street reconstruction project from Sahlman Avenue to Prospect Avenue scheduled for the summer of 2024. The project proposed includes total reconstruction of the street, curb and gutter, watermain, sanitary and storm sewers in the area.

Mayor Maki announced now is the time and place for the public hearing.

MOTION: Councilor Lamb moved and Councilor Wilkinson seconded the motion to open the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously (5-0). The time is 6:11 p.m.

Pam Erickson spoke on behalf of her mom, Delores Lindstrom who lives at 612 8th Street. Questioning any additional charge for reconnecting or is it part of the assessment. Also inquired if there will be any change in grade of the street? Mr. Anderson answered there will be no assessment for the reconnection and little, if any, changes to street grade. Administrator Peterson suggested to Ms. Erickson to get information on requirements on assessment deferral.

Kevin Karulak, 420 8th Street, questioned if the to pipes to his property can be replaced at the same time due to collapsing tile and back up issues. Mr. Anderson said it is possible to coordinate the private line replacement at the same time. Mr. Karulak also questioned what the 8th Street parking restrictions will be after the project is complete.

Hearing no further public comments, the public hearing was closed.

MOTION: Councilor Lamb moved and councilor Carlson seconded the motion to close the public hearing. The time is 6:19 p.m. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

MOTION: Councilor Kolodge moved and Councilor Lamb seconded the motion to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 24-20, ORDERING IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE 2024 RECONSTRUCTION OF 8TH STREET FROM SAHLMAN AVENUE TO PROSPECT AVENUE.** The motion carried unanimously (5-0)

WHEREAS, The City has completed a feasibility study to reconstruct 8th Street from Sahlman Avenue to Prospect Avenue

WHEREAS, The City Engineer has identified a need to replace the street as well as aging and deteriorated sanitary sewers, and water utilities; and

WHEREAS, A resolution of the Council adopted January 16, 2024, set a date for a Council hearing on the proposed improvement; and

WHEREAS, Ten days mailed notice and two weeks published notice of the hearing was given and the hearing was held thereon on the March 6, 2024, at which time all persons desiring to be heard were given an opportunity to be heard.

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

1. Such improvement is necessary, cost effective, and feasible as detailed in the City's feasibility study.
2. The City Engineer is hereby designated as the engineer for this improvement.
3. Such improvement is hereby ordered.

MOTION: Councilor Wilkinson moved and Councilor Carlson seconded the motion to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 24-21, APPROVING PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON 8TH STREET FROM SAHLMAN AVENUE TO PROSPECT AVE.** The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

WHEREAS, The City has planned the improvement of 8th Street, State Aid Route No. 106, from Sahlman Avenue to Prospect Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the City will be expending Municipal State Aid Funds on the improvements of this street; and

WHEREAS, this improvement does not provide adequate width for parking on both sides of the street; and approval of the proposed construction as a State Aid Street project must therefore be conditioned upon certain parking restrictions.

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

That the City shall restrict the parking of motor vehicles on 8th Street from Sahlman Avenue to Prospect Avenue, to one side only.

PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE LCCMR FUNDING APPLICATION

MOTION: Councilor Kolodge moved and Councilor Lamb seconded the motion to adopt **RESOLUTION NO 24-17, SUPPORTING APPLICATION FOR LEGISLATIVE-CITIZEN COMMISSION ON MINNESOTA RESOURCES (LCCMR) FUNDING.** The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

WHEREAS, The City of Cloquet requires \$2 million to recondition the existing shared use pedestrian, bicycle, ATV and snowmobile bridge over the St. Louis River,

AND WHEREAS, A 2022 study of the Bridge combined structural analysis and user group feedback to identify a scope of improvements including a new bridge deck, pier scour protection, ADA accessibility, security lighting, overlooks and railings.

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

1. That the City of Cloquet supports the above referenced project and authorizes the submittal of a proposal for funding of this project on behalf of the City to the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) in response to the 2025 Environmental and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) Request for Proposal; and
2. That, if funding is awarded, the City of Cloquet agrees to accept the award and may enter into an agreement with the state of Minnesota for the above referenced project. The City of Cloquet will comply with all applicable laws, environmental requirements, and regulations and any additional conditions stated in the grant agreement and the approved LCCMR work plan; and
3. That City of Cloquet understands that grants from the ENRTF are generally paid out on a reimbursement basis. The City of Cloquet has the financial capability to pay for project expenses prior to seeking reimbursement. Furthermore, the City of Cloquet will be responsible for future operations and maintenance costs upon project completion; and
4. That the City Administrator is hereby authorized to execute such agreements and work plans as necessary and the City Engineer is authorized to implement the project on behalf of the City of Cloquet
5. That the City of Cloquet has the financial capability to ensure adequate construction, operation, and maintenance of the project once completed.

PRESENTATIONS

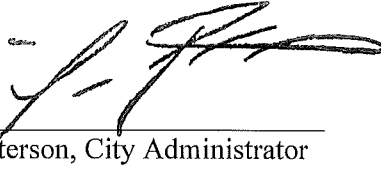
There were none.

COUNCIL COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND UPDATES

Administrator Peterson thanked election judges for their participation in the Presidential Primary Election this week.

ADJOURNMENT

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Peterson', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Tim Peterson, City Administrator