

**Cloquet City Council Work Session**  
Tuesday, May 16, 2017

**Present:** A. Bailey, D. Bjerkness, K. Kolodge, S. Langely, R. Maki, J. Rock, Mayor Hallback

**Absent:** None

**Staff:** J. Barclay, H. Hansen, A. Cottingham, C. Peterson, J. Palmer

**Other:** B. Helwig, J. Peterson, Pine Journal, P. Keenan, Roers Investments, B. Atkins

**Crematories in Residential Districts**

- The Planning Commission has been discussing amending the zoning ordinance to allow crematories in residential districts. Current zoning allows for funeral homes in residential districts but not crematories. The Planning Commission has been discussing whether or not to allow them in conjunction with a funeral home. They are looking for input from Council prior to scheduling a Public Hearing on this issue. Would this be allowed as a permitted use to the funeral home in the Residential district or with a Conditional Use Permit or not at all?
- Mr. Cottingham has researched other communities with crematories; Duluth and Grand Rapids. Both of have crematories in residential neighborhoods and are an accessory use to the funeral home.
- Atkins would build a 20x30 free standing building next to their funeral home.
- Councilor Kolodge requested that Mr. Cottingham research efficiencies and emissions through the MN Department of Health.
- Mr. Atkins stated cremations account for 75% vs burials. It is expensive to outsource for cremation services.
- Discussion on the effects of this in residential neighborhoods with the possibility of increased traffic. Councilor Bjerkness also requested more research on traffic at the previously mentioned crematories and the effect on their neighborhoods. Mr. Cottingham will put together numbers to present at June 2<sup>nd</sup> Work Session.
- Councilor Bjerkness asked why this cannot be built in the Commercial District. Mr. Atkins answered because of the high taxes.
- Ms. Hansen and Mr. Cottingham will also put together a map of the Cloquet Commercial districts as potential options.

**Free Standing Signage**

- Planning Commission has recently discussed a variance application to allow a pylon sign on property that does not have frontage on Highway 33. The Commission is now looking for input from the Council. Mr. Cottingham explained the ordinance was originally created to control blight above 10 feet on property that did not have Hwy 33 frontage.
- Council agreed to look at this issue case by case as it has not been an issue for many years. If it does become an issue, Mr. Cottingham will bring it back to Council for a tentative ordinance amendment.

### **ATVs on City Streets**

- Mr. Palmer was present to discuss ATVs on City streets. There currently is no ordinance that prohibits ATVs from being driven on the streets. The only regulation is keeping them out of city parks and off private property.
- Mr. Palmer reviewed the age guidelines for riding ATVs on City streets.
- Most complaint calls received were from the campground where the highest ATV traffic occurs.
- Discussion of putting up more signage at the campground and by the bridge. This has seemed to work at Fauley Park.
- Mr. Peterson stated one concept of the Park Plans was to reroute ATVs to the backside of the campground and it remains a viable options.
- Council agreed to remain as the City stands currently with ATVs but will look at rerouting trails.
- Mr. Palmer will pull complaints as they come in to compile a more accurate picture.

### **Future Work Session**

- Let Mr. Barclay know of any items for future Work Session agendas.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Barclay  
Interim City Administrator