

Regular Meeting

Roll Call

Councilors Present: Bailey, Bjerkness, Kolodge, Langley, Maki, Rock, Mayor Hallback

Councilors Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance

### **AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Councilor Bailey moved and Councilor Rock seconded the motion to approve the June 6, 2017 agenda. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

### **MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Councilor Rock moved and Councilor Maki seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of May 16, 2017. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Councilor Bjerkness moved and Councilor Langley seconded the motion to adopt the consent agenda of June 6, 2017 approving the necessary motions and resolutions. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

- a. Resolution No. 17-54, Authorizing the Payment of Bills and Payroll
- b. Renewal of 2017-2018 Liquor and Related Business Licenses
- c. Approval of Optional 2AM License Renewal - Moose Lodge 1274
- d. Peddlers, Solicitors & Transient Merchant License – Generous Jerry’s Fireworks
- e. Resolution No. 17-50, VFW Post 3979 Bingo at Veterans Park
- f. Resolution No. 17-53, New Lawful Gambling Premise Permit - R.E.A.C.H.
- g. Resolution No. 17-55, Queen of Peace Raffle and Bingo Permit

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

There were none.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

There were none.

### **CLOQUET BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY MARKETING STRATEGY FINAL REPORT**

**MOTION:** Councilor Bailey moved and Councilor Kolodge seconded the motion to accept the final Cloquet Business and Community Marketing Strategy Final Report. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

### **YEAR END TRANSFERS FOR 2016**

**MOTION:** Councilor Rock moved and Councilor Maki seconded the motion to authorize the transfers for 2016 as detailed in the May 23, 2017 staff report. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

### **4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADE AND RELATED CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES**

**MOTION:** Councilor Kolodge moved and Councilor Rock seconded the motion to approve the following items: recognize the Event Committee as a City Committee coordinating the event; closure of Industrial Avenue, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Cloquet Avenue from 8th to 22nd Street from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Monday, July 4, 2017 for the parade and Old Main Street from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a car show; and a contract with Stipes Carnival for the carnival in the Best Oil parking lot next to Veterans Park. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

**BEER SALES AT VETERANS PARK ON JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**MOTION:** Councilor Kolodge moved and Councilor Langley seconded the motion to authorize Carmen's to sell beer through their existing on-sale liquor license within Veteran's Park on July 4, 2017 as part of the community event and celebration following the conditions identified by the Council. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Gerald Manthey, Cloquet, addressed the Council as neighborhood spokesperson, in opposition of the possibility of Atkins Funeral Home adding a crematory onto their facility. A crematory will create a biohazard in the residential area due to the emissions.
- Roderick Alstead, Teamsters Executive Director, spoke on behalf of Local 346 and others, thanking the Council for recognizing the citizens' concerns by hiring a 3<sup>rd</sup> party investigator to lead the investigation of Chief Steve Stracek.
- Jeff Oveson, Teamsters Business Agent, thanked the Mayor and Council for making difficult decisions on behalf of the community.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND UPDATES**

There were none.

**CLOSED MEETING**

Mayor Hallback announced that the City Council will now adjourn into a Closed Meeting as permitted under M.S. 13D.05, Subd. 2(a)(2) for the purpose of discussing internal affairs data relating to allegations of law enforcement personnel misconduct.

**MOTION:** Councilor Rock moved and Councilor Bjerkness seconded the motion to close the meeting. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Mayor Hallback announced the time is 7:21 p.m. and the Council will now go into Closed Session in the Council Chambers.

**MOTION:** Councilor Bailey moved and Councilor Bjerkness seconded the motion to recess the closed meeting. The motion carried unanimously (7-0). The time is 9:05 p.m.

Mayor Hallback entertained a motion to reconvene the closed session at 11:21 p.m.

**MOTION:** Councilor Bjerkness moved and Councilor Kolodge seconded the motion to reconvene the closed session. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

**MOTION:** Councilor Langley moved and Councilor Bailey seconded the motion to recess the closed meeting. The motion carried unanimously (7-0). The time is 11:45 p.m.

Mayor Hallback entertained a motion to reconvene the closed session at 12:24 a.m.

**MOTION:** Councilor Rock moved and Councilor Bailey seconded the motion to reconvene the closed session. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

**MOTION:** Councilor Bailey moved and Councilor Bjerkness seconded the motion to recess the closed meeting. The motion carried unanimously (7-0). The time is 12:40 a.m.

Mayor Hallback entertained a motion to reconvene the closed session at 12:48 a.m.

**MOTION:** Councilor Bailey moved and Councilor Langley seconded the motion to reconvene the closed session. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

**MOTION:** Councilor Langley moved and Councilor Bailey seconded the motion to recess the closed meeting. The motion carried unanimously (7-0). The time is 1:05 a.m.

Mayor Hallback entertained a motion to reconvene the closed session at a.m. at 1:12 a.m.

**MOTION:** Councilor Bailey moved and Councilor Kolodge seconded the motion to reconvene the closed session. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

**MOTION:** Councilor Langley moved and Councilor Bjerkness seconded the motion to recess the closed meeting. The motion carried unanimously (7-0). The time is 2:03 a.m.

Mayor Hallback entertained a motion to reopen the Regular Meeting at 2:35 a.m.

**MOTION:** Councilor Kolodge moved and Councilor Bjerkness seconded the motion to reopen the Regular Meeting. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

**MOTION:** Councilor Bailey moved and Councilor Bjerkness seconded the motion to approve the Separation and Release Agreement Between City of Cloquet and Steve Stracek. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilor Bailey read the Article I, II, and III of the Separation and Release Agreement Between the City of Cloquet and Steve Stracek.

#### **Article 1. Allegations Not Substantiated and Exonerated**

The City finds and concludes that the allegations in the following are not substantiated: letter from Teamsters General Local Union No. 346, dated March 16, 2017; Internal/Citizen Complaint procedure submitted by Jeff Overson, dated March 28, 2017; and Investigation Report submitted by Michelle Soldo, dated May 11, 2017. The City also finds and concludes that the findings and recommendations included in Interim City Administrator James Barclay's letter to Steve Stracek, dated May 19, 2017, are not substantiated and are rejected. The City affirms that Steve Stracek is exonerated of all such allegations. The City will not take any further action on the allegations. The City Council will verbally state this Article before the City Council approves this Agreement.

#### **Article 2. Reinstatement**

Steve Stracek is reinstated to active duty as Police Chief, effective June 7, 2017.

#### **Article 3. Retirement**

Steve Stracek voluntarily retires from employment with the City, effective June 8, 2017, which will be his last date of employment with the City.

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

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James Barclay, Interim City Administrator