

Cloquet City Council Work Session

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

Present: Bjerkness, Kolodge, Langley, Maki, Rock, Wilkinson, Mayor Hallback

Absent: None

Staff: B. Fritsinger, N. Klassen, H. Butcher, C. Peterson

Other: Jamie Lund, Pine Journal

Preliminary Budget / CIP

Mr. Fritsinger explained tonight's discussion will focus on what has changed in the facilities priorities since the retreat last year and where to go from here. Also will discuss how to balance and adequately fund the bonds, and a review of last year's identified needs and time frame.

Public Facilities Buildings

- Roofing estimate recently received for the Public Safety building. This was not addressed as part of the BKV study.
- Increased issues on the fire department side of building as well.
- City Hall is continuing to have issues with the roof. Steve Anderson will get a specific estimate on the roof.
- The discussion was left last year as the Public Safety project to take place in 2018, financed through self-funding. The Public Works facility has been identified in 2021 and would be financed through the issuance a bond.
- No time lines were set for maintenance issues on current facilities.
- Mr. Fritsinger reviewed phase 1 and phase 2 of the facilities projects.

CAFD

- Council discussed the delay in CAFD making a decision on their facility. The Public Safety facility project is delayed until 2020 while waiting for the CAFD.
- The Council agrees a letter needs to be sent to the CAFD Board Chairman after the report comes back in July, giving 6 months to decide or the City will take control, and offering a joint meeting to discuss further.

Library

- The Council had agreed, at the Joint meeting with the Library Board, to take a look the expansion in context with the rest of the projects. Discussion on how advancing the library project will be received by the public.
- The library will raise their own funds leading to a time frame that may dictate the priority of this project. It was stressed that when fundraising, they need to make it clear their funding is different than other public facilities.
- Discussion of the Sr. Center being part of the library design. If included, there will be more support community wide. This will also require more property, but can solve 2 problems at one time. The Middle School site may also be an option as well as the Scanlon Community Center.
- The Council agrees to let the library move forward with a sketch plan, but not a detailed design. No guarantee to outside funding outside of their fundraising. Inquire as to how they would like the City to be part of the process.

Other

- Ms. Klassen and Mr. Fritsinger will look at the maintenance list and financing for maintenance purposes as it wasn't figured into the budget.
- Discussion on the tennis court nets at Churchill. The contractor has lost them during the process. Mr. Peterson has been in contact with them.
- Mr. Peterson will research the issue at Pinehurst Park of wood chips washing into the parking lot with the heavy rains. Discussion of the picnic shelter becoming the warming house. Council will revisit this at a future meeting.
- Mr. Rock suggested a schedule for mowing at Pine Valley and washed out culverts.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Fritsinger
City Administrator