

Regular Meeting

Roll Call

Councilors Present: Bjerckness, Kolodge, Langley, Maki, Rock, Wilkinson, Mayor Hallback

Councilors Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance

AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Rock moved and Councilor Langley seconded the motion to approve the November 1, 2016 agenda. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

MINUTES

MOTION: Councilor Kolodge moved and Councilor Maki seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of October 18, 2016. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Bjerckness moved and Councilor Rock seconded the motion to adopt the consent agenda of November 1, 2016 approving the necessary motions and resolutions. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

- a. Resolution No. 16-82, Authorizing the Payment of Bills and Payroll
- b. Appointment of Election Judges
- c. Approval of Temporary On-Sale Liquor License – Food For Thought
- d. Approval of Raffle Permit – Food For Thought

PUBLIC HEARING

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS

- a. Debra Shaff, Executive Director of the Cloquet/Carlton Housing Redevelopment Authority addressed the Council regarding several programs that it is operating as well as the success in being selected by the State of Minnesota for tax credit funding for its proposed housing project.

ADOPTING 2016 ASSESSMENT RATES

MOTION: Councilor Bjerckness moved and Councilor Kolodge seconded the motion to adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 16-81, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2016 ASSESSMENT RATES**. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

WHEREAS, In April of 2016, the City Council adopted assessments for the 2015 reconstruction of 8th Street from a point 450 feet north of Washington Avenue to Sahlman Avenue and also Sahlman Avenue from 7th Street to 9th Street, including the replacement of existing sanitary sewer and water mains; and

WHEREAS, In April of 2016, the City Council adopted assessments for the 2015 paving of West Taylor Avenue, from South Oak Street, west approximately 1,300 feet; and

WHEREAS, At its April 15, 2016 meeting, the Cloquet City Council adopted Resolution No.'s 16-31 and 16-32 approving the assessments and assessment role for the above projects at an interest rate to be determined at a future date as part of a review of the City Assessment Policy per annum from May 5, 2016; and

WHEREAS, City staff has had opportunity to review the Assessment Policy and the interest rates used by comparable cities as part of their assessment policies; and

WHEREAS, The City Council has met and considered the recommendations of City Staff.

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

- 1. The assessments for the improvements to the above aforementioned projects shall bear an interest rate as follows:

If bonds were sold to finance the improvement project, the interest rate shall be two percent (2%) more than the average interest rate of the bonds, rounded to the nearest half of a percent. If no bonds were sold, the interest rate shall be set at the same rate. Per the above method for 2016 the assessment rate shall be set at 4%.

- 1. The three lots must be consolidated into one tax parcel.
- 2. A Building Permit must be issued prior to beginning any work.
- 3. Animals shall not be left outside unattended.
- 4. The outside kennels proposed to be constructed on the site must be screened.

POLICE OFFICER APPOINTMENT

MOTION: Councilor Rock moved and Councilor Wilkinson seconded the motion to approve the probationary appointment of Ryan Lunda, effective November 7, 2016, to the position of Police Officer. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

DRIVEWAY EASEMENT AGREEMENT

MOTION: Councilor Maki moved and Councilor Bjerkness seconded the motion to approve the driveway Easement Agreement with Eugene and Cynthia Halverson. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

COUNCIL COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND UPDATES

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

Brian Fritsinger, City Administrator