

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 Steve seconded the motion to approve the December 20, 2016 agenda. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

MINUTES

MOTION: Councilor Langley moved and Councilor Rock seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of December 6, 2016. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Bjerckness moved and Councilor Maki seconded the motion to adopt the consent agenda of December 20, 2016 approving the necessary motions and resolutions. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

- a. Resolution No. 16-97, Authorizing the Payment of Bills
- b. 2017 Business License Renewals
- c. New Therapeutic Massage License – Hope Weber
- d. Approval of Raffle Permit – Queen of Peace Church

PUBLIC HEARING

There were none.

PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

HONORING LARA WILKINSON

MOTION: Councilor Rock moved and Councilor Bjerckness seconded the motion to adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 16-91, A RESOLUTION HONORING LARA WILKINSON FOR HER SERVICE AS CITY COUNCILOR.** The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

WHEREAS, Lara Wilkinson was first elected to serve as an At-Large City Councilor in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wilkinson also served on a variety of other community committees, commissions, and task forces during her tenure on the Council; and

WHEREAS, During her tenure as a representative of the City of Cloquet, Ms. Wilkinson dedicated herself in serving and representing not only the citizens of Cloquet and its business community but also the employees of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLOQUET, The City Council, City employees, and citizens of Cloquet wish to thank Ms. Wilkinson for her years of loyal service to the City of Cloquet and its people. It is service of public spirited citizens such as Ms. Wilkinson which cause a City to progress and to provide quality public services to the community.

MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH CARLTON COUNTY

MOTION: Councilor Kolodge moved and Councilor Wilkinson seconded the motion to approve the Maintenance Agreement between the City of Cloquet and Carlton County. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

CLOQUET MCPP 2017 APPLICATION

MOTION: Councilor Wilkinson moved and Councilor Rock seconded the motion to approve the submission of the 2017 application for Cloquet for the Minnesota City Participation Program (MCP) funding for first time homebuyer loans within the City. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

VACATION OF UTILITY EASEMENT – ZONING CASE 16-21

MOTION: Councilor Langley moved and Councilor Kolodge seconded the motion to adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 16-95, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE VACATION OF THE UTILITY EASEMENT LYING EAST OF ARTHUR STREET AND SOUTH OF SLATE STREET.** The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

WHEREAS, ISD #94 is proposing to vacate the utility easement lying east of Arthur Street and south of Slate Street; and

WHEREAS, As required by ordinance, notification was advertised in the Pine Journal and effected property owners have been notified. A public hearing was held to consider the application at the regular meeting of the Cloquet Planning Commission on December 13, 2016 at which time Zoning Case / Development Review No. 16-21 was heard and discussed; and

WHEREAS, the property of the proposed Vacation is located east of Arthur Street and south of Slate Street and is legally described as follows:

A twenty (20) foot wide strip of land running on and across Block 111 of the Original Plat of the City of Cloquet, said strip lying ten (10) feet on each side of the following described line: Commencing at the northeast corner of Block 111 of the Original Plat of the City of Cloquet; thence west on the north line of said block a distance of forty (40) feet for the point of beginning; thence southwesterly to a point which lies one hundred thirty-five (135) feet west and one hundred (100) feet south of the northeast corner of Block 111; thence again southwesterly to a point which lies thirty (30) feet south of the southwest corner of Block 111. And recorded with Carlton County as Document No. 232013. And,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the staff report and recommends approval of the Vacation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLOQUET, MINNESOTA, that it approves of Zoning Case 16-21 for a vacation of the utility easement lying east of Arthur Street and south of Slate Street subject to the following condition.

1. A new Utility Easement is filed with Carlton County.

LAKE SUPERIOR WATERLINE MOTOR REBUILD

MOTION: Councilor Rock moved and Councilor Langley seconded the motion to accept the quotation from Mielke Electric Works to overhaul pump motor #1 on the Lake Superior Waterline system in the amount of \$20,425.00. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

LAKE SUPERIOR WATERLINE ELECTRICAL UPGRADES

MOTION: Councilor Bjerkness moved and Councilor Langley seconded the motion to table the contract with SEH, Inc. for the design of electrical system upgrades at pump stations #1 and #2 on the Lake Superior Waterline. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

BRAUN PARK LEASE AGREEMENT

MOTION: Councilor Kolodge moved and Councilor Wilkinson seconded the motion to approve the renewal of the Lease Agreement between the City of Cloquet and Cloquet Youth Baseball/Softball Association. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

DISPOSAL OF 2012 POLICE VEHICLE

MOTION: Councilor Bjerkness moved and Councilor Rock seconded the motion to authorize the sale through auction of a 2012 Dodge Charger squad car, VIN #2C3DAXT0CH304616. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

COUNCIL COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND UPDATES

Councilor Wilkinson thanked everyone for her opportunity to serve the residents of Cloquet as a City Councilor.

CLOSED MEETING

Mayor Hallback announced that the City Council would now adjourn into a Closed Meeting as permitted under M.S. 13d.05, Subd. 3(b) for the purpose of discussing the pending litigation with the Teamsters Local No. 346 related to a labor contract grievance.

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

Mayor Hallback announced the time is _____ and the Council will now go into Closed Session in the Council Chambers.

Mayor Hallback reopened the Regular Meeting at 9:54 p.m. and on a motion duly carried by a unanimous yea vote of all members present on roll call, the Council adjourned.

Brian Fritsinger, City Administrator