

**CLOQUET CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**  
**Tuesday, January 20, 2015, 5:30 p.m.**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Present: Bjerckness, Kolodge, Maki, Rock, Wilkinson, and Mayor Hallback.  
Absent: Langley.  
Staff: Fritsinger, Klassen, Butcher, and Cottingham.  
Other: Dani Lundeen - Pine Journal.

**JOINT MEETING WITH PLANNING COMMISSION**

City Administrator Fritsinger introduced everyone. He noted that the Council and Commission have been attempting to meet annually to discuss issues of mutual interest.

City Planner Cottingham began by explaining that the Commission is working on updating the Zoning Ordinance. Even though the ordinance was recently updated, there are several areas that have been identified that need attention. Areas such as greenhouses, outdoor sales, and marijuana dispensaries are being evaluated.

There was brief discussion regarding the new Waterfront Committee and possible representation from members of the Commission. The City of Scanlon has reached out seeking an exploratory meeting to discuss the concept of merger/consolidation. If this gains traction, the Commission will most likely play a key role.

Discussion about the impact of the School District referendum and, if successful, the future of the current Middle School took place. Ideas related to multi-family and single family housing development were debated.

A member of the Council questioned the status of the Comprehensive Plan. The Commission responded that it recently completed several updates in 2014. It is possible that additional updates will be made in 2015 especially in the area of utilities.

The Commission expressed interest in the continued availability of land use training. The Commission asked that the Citizens Planner handbook be provided to all members of the Commission. The Council echoed its support for related training.

Other items discussed were the Council liaison position, anticipating the unknowns and other items. The Commission was thanked for their continued efforts and attendance at this meeting.

**FUTURE AGENDAS**

The Council asked that interviews with perspective members of the HRA Board be set for the next meeting at the library and to start the meeting at 5:00 p.m. The Council also asked that as the City nears summer a general review of the sales tax be added to an agenda.

**OTHER**

The Council asked that all future Fire District Board meetings be posted in the case a quorum of the Council is in attendance. The Council discussed dates for the retreat and identified April 24-25 as the preference with May 1-2 as fallback. They prefer no touchy feely and would like to see if it can be structured for one day.

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

Respectfully Submitted:

Brian Fritsinger  
City Administrator