

Council Chambers, Cloquet, Minnesota  
7:00 P.M. December 15, 2015

Regular Meeting

Roll Call

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

Councilors Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance

### AGENDA

**MOTION:** Councilor Bjerckness moved and Councilor Langley seconded the motion to approve the December 15, 2015 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 December 1, 2015. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

### CONSENT AGENDA

**MOTION:** Councilor Bjerckness moved and Councilor Langley seconded the motion to adopt the consent agenda of December 15, 2015 approving the necessary motions and resolutions. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

- a. Resolution No. 15-99, Authorizing the Payment of Bills
- b. 2016 Business License Renewals
- c. Optional 2 A.M. Liquor License – Northeastern Saloon & Grille
- d. Approval of New Liquor License – MUY Pizza Minnesota, LLC (Pizza Hut)

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were none.

### PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

### CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT

**MOTION:** Councilor Rock moved and Councilor Wilkinson seconded the motion to appoint Lauren Herbert to the Citizens Advisory Board with a term expiring 12/31/18. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

### CITY COUNCIL VALUES STATEMENT

**MOTION:** Councilor Kolodge moved and Councilor Maki seconded the motion to adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 15-95, ESTABLISHING CITY COUNCIL VALUES STATEMENT.** The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT AID LEGISLATION

**MOTION:** Councilor Wilkinson moved and Councilor Maki seconded the motion to adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 15-96, A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASING LOCAL GOVERNMENT AID IN THE 2016 LEGISLATIVE SESSION.** The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

### CLOQUET AREA FIRE DISTRICT ENABLING LEGISLATION AMENDMENTS

**MOTION:** Councilor Kolodge moved and Councilor Rock seconded the motions to adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 15-97, A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CLOQUET AREA FIRE DISTRICT ENABLING LEGISLATION AS IT RELATES TO FUNDING.** The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

**TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP AND DISASTROUS TRADE POLICIES**

**MOTION:** Councilor Bjerkness moved and Councilor Wilkinson seconded the motion to table discussion on this item until a future meeting, and directed the City Administrator to follow up with Representative Sundin to attempt to gather additional background information. The motion carried (6-1), Councilor Kolodge opposing.

**RIVDOGG, LLC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOAN**

**MOTION:** Councilor Bjerkness moved and Councilor Kolodge seconded the motion to table consideration of this application until further information on the primary financing is available.

**SKI CLUB AGREEMENT**

**MOTION:** Councilor Rock moved and Councilor Kolodge seconded the motion to adopt **RESOLUTION NO. 15-100, A RESOLUTION ENTERING INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CLOQUET SKI CLUB FOR USE OF THE PINE VALLEY SKI JUMPS.** The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

**VETERANS AND FAULEY PARKS DESIGN IMPROVEMENTS**

**MOTION:** Councilor Bjerkness moved and Councilor Wilkinson seconded the motion to approve the Supplemental Letter Agreement with SEH, Inc., to complete bidding documents for planned improvements at Veteran's and Fauley Parks. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

**EVALUATION OF EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE**

The City Council evaluated the performance of Kerrick Johnson as a police officer for the City. Kerrick and Bridgette Johnson addressed the City Council as part of the evaluation. City Administrator Fritsinger and Labor Attorney Brandon Fitzsimmons responded to several questions related to the substance and process related to the evaluation. Councilors Rock, Bjerkness, Maki, Kolodge, Langley, Wilkinson and Mayor Hallback all spoke directly to the recommendation and to their individual determination that Mr. Johnson could not perform his job per the letter from City Administrator Fritsinger to Mr. Johnson of December 2, 2015.

**MOTION:** Mayor Hallback moved and Councilor Kolodge seconded the motion that Kerrick Johnson be removed from employment with the City of Cloquet, effective December 15, 2015, for, but not limited to, the reasons stated in City Administrator Brian Fritsinger's December 2, 2015 letter to Kerrick Johnson, and that the City Administrator provide Mr. Johnson with any appropriate notices related to this decision. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were none.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS/UPDATES**

There were none.

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

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Brian Fritsinger, City Administrator