

CLOQUET CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Wednesday, August 21, 2018

Present: Bjerckness, Kolodge, Langley, Maki, Wyman, Mayor Hallback

Absent: Rock

Staff: Reeves, Barclay, Peterson

Others: J. Peterson, Pine Journal

City Hall Summer Hours Extension

Mr. Reeves proposed the extension of summer hours for City Hall through September to coincide with Public Works. Council agreed to keep the change in hours seasonal.

Preliminary Budget Review

Mr. Reeves reviewed the updated budget summary explaining that the main change is with the permanent improvement fund and how projects will be funded. Budget discussion highlights are as follows:

- Mr. Reeves is proposing to use cash on hand for the City Hall/Police Department project versus a short-term bond as was first presented. This will eliminate debt for the project. Mr. Reeves stated the anticipated cost will be \$3.6 million but is budgeted at \$4 million to be safe.
- Council reviewed the list of 2019 budget items that were removed for consideration. It was agreed to add the Pickle Ball Courts back into the budget for \$40,000. The courts will be located at the Churchill tennis courts. The recommendation is to use the park dedication fund for the resurfacing. Council agreed to have Mr. Peterson go ahead with the project.
- Library Director Beth Sorenson is working on the grant application for the library expansion.
- Recommendation to replace all six baseball scoreboards. Mr. Reeves has had conversation with the school district and different leagues about assistance.
- Mr. Reeves recommends becoming a member of the Coalition of Greater MN Cities (CGMC) again. The membership was not renewed in 2017.
- Conversation took place on future levies with large capital projects to come, mainly the new public works building in 2020.
- Other items of conversation were the completion of Veterans Park, replacement of the old wooden hockey boards and local bidding.
- Mr. Reeves also noted that the CAFD facility will need to be discussed as the City moves forward with the credit union building.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Reeves
City Administrator