

City of Scanlon
City Council Minutes
February 14, 2024
5:30 pm

Pursuant to call, and with due notice Mayor Ron Stigers called to order this meeting of the Scanlon City Council at 5:30 p.m. in the Scanlon City Council Chambers on Wednesday, February 14, 2024.

Roll Call: Mayor Ron Stigers Annette Bryant, Mike Berthiaume, Cody Grashorn, Scott Boedigheimer, Jill Wartner – City Clerk, Dave Line – Public Works.

City Attorney: Dennis Korman

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizen Present: Mary Ann Johnson, Marshall Johnson, Lori Stigers, Thalia Foss, and Jeff Goetzman.

Agenda Additions: Jill requested to add a line under City Clerk, titled “Frandsen Bank and Trust”, Motion to approve the agenda with the requested change made by Scott Boedigheimer, second by Mike Berthiaume. All in favor, motion carries.

Consent Agenda: Motion to approve the January 10, 2024 City Council Minutes, January 10, 2024 Planning Commission Minutes, January 30, 2024 Building Committee Minutes and January 30, 2024 Engineer Meeting Minutes made by Scott Boedigheimer, second by Cody Grashorn. All in favor, motion carries. January 2024 checks paid and January 2024 Finance report were tabled until March.

Charitable Gambling:

Reach – Lost Tavern, received December report, \$601.93 check received.

Wood City Riders – Rendezvous, received December report, \$692.02 check received.

Eagles Aeries 1163 – Trapper Pete, received December report, \$55.06 check received.

Irving Community Club – River Inn, received December report, no check received.

Total deposit for the month of January 2024 was \$1,349.01.

Communications

Cloquet Police Department – City Council has a copy of the January 2024 Police report in their packet. Cloquet reported 29 calls in January.

Building Inspector – City of Cloquet issued 1 building permit in January 2024, 1 for plumbing.

City Engineer – Jeff Goetzman presented, WLSSD annual review meeting was held on January 17, 2024, Infiltration has went down. WLSSD annual report is due 2/15/2024, report is complete and will be submitted in the morning. Jeff reviewed what was discussed at the 4:30 CIP review meeting.

City Attorney – Working on a demand letter for a resident with a closed water/sewer bill account (Andrew Pederson).

Public Works –

- Dave discussed contingency plan if both him and Matt and are out of town. Council advised to make a plan that would have us reaching out to Carlton public works first and then Cloquet.
- Skating rink has been closed since 1/29/24 due to warm weather.
- Streets have been holding up ok after thaw freeze so far.
- ABCO’s bid to connect the wash basin in the Dewey Ave. warming house is \$650 if we connect it to the outside of the utility room and \$30 if we connect to the inside of the utility room. Motion to approve connecting the wash basin to the outside of utility room made by Mike Berthiaume, second by Annette Bryant. All in favor, motion carries.
- Working on preparing new City Clerk’s office for move in.
- International plow truck has been having issues with the controls.

Mayors Update: Ron gave an update on the Cloquet Housing Study, Scanlon’s contribution towards the study will be \$2, 097.20. Resolution 2024-03, SAP 009-645-007 was presented to allow Carlton County to work on CSAH No. 45 within the City of Scanlon. Motion to approve Resolution 2024-03 made by Annette Bryant, second by Cody Grashorn. All in favor, motion carries. Resolution 2024-04, SAP 009-6616-005 was presented to allow Carlton County to work on CSAH No. 16 within the City of Scanlon. Motion to approve Resolution 2024-04 made by Scott Boedigheimer, second by Cody Grashorn. All in favor, motion carries.

Citizen Comments: Thalia Foss asked to relook at allowing chickens within the City of Scanlon. Council advised she will need to come to the May 8th Planning Commission meeting and bring the issue up there. Dennis asked that he be added to the Roll Call, Jill will make that change.

Committee Reports:

City Property/Building Community Center Committee – No updates.

Potential Renter/Daycare Update – Jill reviewed the discussions that were had during the 01/30/2024 Building Committee Meeting. Amanda Smith requested the rent be reduced to \$700/month during the school months and \$1700/month during the summer months. Motion to approve the lease between the City of Scanlon and Growing with Love, LLC. Made by Scott Boedigheimer, second by Mike Berthiaume. All in favor, motion carries. Cody requested

Building Committee – No updates.

City Clerk Office –

Jill presented information from Frandsen Bank and Trust, it was discussed moving our funds that we currently have in our “General” account which is used as a Savings account and receives an interest rate of .10% to a Money Market account which would receive an interest rate of 4.4%. Motion to approve moving funds into a Money Market account made by Scott Boedigheimer, second by Annette Bryant. All in favor, motion carries. Jill also presented information in regards to getting a check scanner from Frandsen to be able to deposit checks electronically vs. physically bringing to the bank once a week. The fee’s for the check scanner would be waived for the first six months, after that they would increase to \$40/month to scan one check at a time and \$60/month to scan 50 checks at a time. Council suggested we try for 6 months and then decide if we want to continue using the service. Motion to approve the trial period of the check scanner made by Cody Grashorn, second by Mike Berthiaume. All in favor, motion carries.

Cloquet Fire Department: Marshall reported

- 2023 responded to 3,335 incidents for an increase of 29 over the previous year.
- Board officers for 2024 are Chair Blacketter, Vice Chair Linday Way, and Treasurer Marsahl Johnson.
- Attorney for 2024 is Gunnar Johnson.
- POC Nobel Salmnen was approved as a firefighter/EMT. He must successfully attain a Paramedic Licensure within 3 years.
- We will approve more hiring next week.
- CAFD is asking for support from the cities and citizens to encourage the legislature to support bonding for the FD. They would also like if people can ask to come up with a way to help the FD by making it eligible for state funding similar to LGA and safety grants that were given to cities for safety.
- Duluth raised wages 12% and with repairs needed for the Station we will have to raise the tax levy over 10% just to break even.

Park Department – No updates at this time.

Personnel Committee – Nothing new to report.

Planning Commission – Next meeting scheduled for May 8th @ 4:30PM.

Water and Sewer Department:

Motion to approve the water shut and adjustment reports made by Scott Boedigheimer, second by Cody Grashorn. All in favor, motion carries.

Cloquet rate increase was discussed, they are raising water rates \$.50/1000 gallons. Discussion was had if we should reflect that rate change. Motion to approve a rate increase of \$.41/1,000 gallons effective April 1, 2024 made by Scott Boedigheimer, second by Annette Bryant. All in favor, motion carries.

22nd Street Updates: No new updates.

Pending Tasks:

1. New homeowner was sent a letter stating they have until 9/1/2024 to complete repair work.
2. **Marijuana law** – Motion to approve Ordinance 233 made by Scott Boedigheimer, second by Mike Berthiaume. All in favor, motion carries.
3. **Siren Replacement** – Scott has been in contact with DSC communications but it has been slow on getting information regarding some questions he has on electrical work. Will continue to be in contact to get the process started.

Old Business:

1. **Sales Tax** – Sales tax report was updated. Current balance is \$272,543.83
2. **Cable Commission** – Nothing new to report.
3. **WLSSD**
 - a) December rainfall is the Council packets.
 - b) 2023 Wastewater Treatment Year-End Adjustment report in packet.

New Business:

1. Cloquet High School All Night Grad Party request, Motion to approve a donation of \$100 made by Scott Boedigheimer, second by Cody Grashorn. All in favor, motion carries.

Committee Reports: Motion to approve all committee reports made by Annette Bryant, seconded by Mike Berthiaume. All in favor, motion carries.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made at 6:55pm made by Scott Boedigheimer, second by Annette Bryant. All in favor, motion carries.

**Next City Council Meeting
March 13, 2024
5:30 pm**

Ron Stigers, Mayor

Jill Wartner, City Clerk/Treasurer

ATTEST