

Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 6, 2012
City Council Chambers
7:30 p.m.
AGENDA



Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance

1. Approval of Minutes
 - Council Minutes–February 21, 2012
2. Consent Agenda
 - Minutes
 - Utility Commission – February 22, 2012
 - EDA Commission – February 22, 2012
3. Department Heads
4. 6th Street – Parking Plan (Hwy 60-71 to Lakeview)
5. Housing and Redevelopment Board - Request
6. Cottonwood County Emergency Services Association Recommendation
7. Pool & Recreation Fees - Resolution
8. 2012 Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting – Scheduled for Monday, May 14th at 4:30
9. 2011 Annual Report
10. New Business
11. Old Business
12. Regular Bills
13. Council Concerns
14. Adjourn



**Regular Council Meeting
Windom City Hall, Council Chamber
February 21, 2012
7:30 p.m.**

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kruse at 7:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call: Mayor: Kirby Kruse

Council Members: Kelsey Fossing, Dominic Jones, Corey Maricle,
Bradley Powers and JoAnn Ray

Council Members Absent: None

City Staff Present: Steve Nasby, City Administrator; Bruce Caldwell,
Streets & Parks Superintendent; Scott Peterson, Police
Chief; Mike Haugen, Water & Wastewater
Superintendent; Al Baloun, Recreation Director and
Terry Glidden, Telecom

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Powers second by Fossing, to approve the City Council minutes from February 7, 2012. Motion carried 5 – 0.

5. Consent Agenda:

Kruse said that minutes were received from the following Boards\Commissions:

- Airport Commission – February 2, 2012
- Economic Development Authority – February 9, 2012
- Park & Recreation Commission – February 13, 2012
- Library Board – February 14, 2014

Kruse noted a letter from City Attorney Dan McDonald as correspondence.

Motion by Powers second by Ray, to move the letter from the City Attorney to the New Business segment of this Agenda and approve the Consent Calendar as presented. Motion carried 5 – 0.

6. License Applications:

Kruse said there was an application for On-sale liquor license and cigarette license from the Windom Country Club.

Motion by Fossing seconded by Maricle to approve both the on-sale liquor license and cigarette license for the Windom Country Club. Motion carried 5 – 0.

7. Department Heads:

Al Baloun, Recreation Director said that the Ice Show is scheduled for March 10th and 11th. He encouraged the public to attend the event. He noted that following the conclusion of the ice shows the compressors will be shut off and the process for ice removal will begin.

8. 2012 Street & Infrastructure and Highway 60/71 Water Main Projects – Plans and Specs:

Mike Haugen, Water & Wastewater Superintendent, Rory Lindvall, Cottonwood County Assistant Highway Engineer, Dennis Johnson, Wenck & Associates and Bruce Caldwell, Streets & Parks Superintendent introduced themselves.

Johnson reviewed the plans and specifications for the three projects, which include the water main relocation on Highway 60/71, the water main replacement and street re-surfacing for 6th Street and the water\sewer main replacement and street re-surfacing project on River Road. Both the 6th Street and River Road projects are part of a County State Aid Project where the City and County will be working together to complete the projects.

The water main relocation project is a re-bid of a 2011 project that will move old water mains off the highway corridor. Nasby said this is an assessment project where the property owners have agreed to the project. One additional property may yet decide to participate so there is an alternate built into the bid to accommodate that possibility.

Johnson said the 6th Street project would include a replacement of a water main and re-surfacing of the street from Highway 60/71 to about Lakeview Avenue. The County would be doing the road surface from curb to curb, with the curbs remaining in place. The City would be paying for the water main replacement work and any restoration of the road bed it disturbs. Caldwell said the issue of parking on 6th Street had come up as there is now parking on one side and an off-set center stripe. Lindvall said the County would like to center the traffic lanes and discuss accommodations for walking\biking as both the County and City had citizen requests to look into the situation. The Council discussed the parking as it has the regulation authority. Parking is currently allowed on one side of the street and it was determined that all of the adjacent properties do have driveways or other possible parking. Caldwell would verify the information and bring the matter to the Street Committee for discussion.

The project on River Road would be the same as the 6th Street project except that the City would also be replacing the sanitary sewer system as it is old, shallow and comprised of clay tile. This project would be from 13th Street to the Perkins Creek Bridge.

Johnson reviewed the timeline for bidding and that since the County is the lead on the project all of the bids would go out under the County bid letting, but approval is needed

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from the County, City and Utility Commission before any bids were awarded. Johnson was anticipating that the project will come back to the City Council for approval on April 3. There are three resolutions that are needed from the Council in order to proceed to bidding and these are on the agenda.

Jones asked if there were any significant cost changes estimated for the Highway 60/71 water main relocation project as this is a re-bid and we have already sold the bonds to pay for the project. Johnson said he did not anticipate a significant cost increase.

Fossing asked about the project timeframes. Johnson said they are working to have the project start around May 15 and completed by August 15. This would accommodate the school schedule as the work on River Road would impact them.

Jones asked if all of the work would be completed and that the project is ready to proceed. Lindvall confirmed that the project should be done by August 15 and the County is ready to move the project forward.

Lindvall reviewed the detours that would be needed and discussed the process for signs and notifications.

Powers asked if all three projects were going to be bid together. Johnson said that was the plan.

Council member Jones introduced the Resolution No. 2012-05, entitled “RESOLUTION APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND ORDERING ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS FOR THE 2012 STREET & INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT AND TRUNK HIGHWAY 60 WATERMAIN PROJECTS” and moved its adoption. The resolution was seconded by Powers and on roll call vote: Aye: Ray, Fossing, Jones, Maricle and Powers. Nay: None. Absent: None. Resolution passed 5 – 0.

Council member Fossing introduced the Resolution No. 2012-06, entitled “STATE AID FOR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION RESOLUTION APPROVING COUNTY PROJECT WITHIN MUNICIPAL CORPORATE LIMITS” (S.A.P. #17-613-44) and moved its adoption. The resolution was seconded by Ray and on roll call vote: Aye: Fossing, Jones, Maricle, Powers and Ray. Nay: None. Absent: None. Resolution passed 5 – 0.

Council member Maricle introduced the Resolution No. 2012-07, entitled “STATE AID FOR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION RESOLUTION APPROVING COUNTY PROJECT WITHIN MUNICIPAL CORPORATE LIMITS” (S.A.P. #17-617-16) and moved its adoption. The resolution was seconded by Fossing and on roll call vote: Aye: Jones, Maricle, Powers, Ray and Fossing. Nay: None. Absent: None. Resolution passed 5 – 0.

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9. Street Closures – 2012 Riverfest:

Caldwell said there was a map in the Council packet showing the parade route and other street closure requests for the soap box derby and downtown vendors. The soap box derby is being moved to 4th Avenue, between 6th Street and Highway 62 on June 8th. The parade route is the same as the last few years as is the location for the downtown vendors. These activities are scheduled for June 9th.

Jones said he is concerned with the detours due to the City-County projects and we will need good signage to help direct traffic.

Motion by Powers seconded by Jones, to approve the closure of City streets, generally 4th Avenue and around the square, as well as the parade route on June 8 and/or June 9 as presented for the 2012 Riverfest celebration. Motion carried 5 – 0.

10. Pool and Recreation Fees:

Baloun said the Park and Recreation Commission had discussed programming fees and is making a recommendation for adjustments as shown on the memorandum in the packet. He said the Commission looks at the programming fees annually and generally makes changes in the fees about every other year.

Jones said that it appears the fee for participating in the summer baseball programs are the same for all age groups, but some of them are programmed for three times a week and others are five times a week so how did the Commission arrive at the same fee. Baloun said that the programming does have a different weekly schedule but the amount of time and the level of staffing for the different age groups varied, as such it was generally the same cost to provide the programming so the fees were consistent.

Jones asked about the \$60 fee for pony league as the coaching is done by volunteers so is the cost for equipment, umpires and field prep. Baloun said that was correct and that the recreation program paid some league fees and tournament fees for these groups to participate in some events so the \$60 helped cover that cost in addition to the items Jones previously mentioned.

Motion by Maricle seconded by Fossing, to approve the 2012 Park and Recreation Fee Schedule as presented and recommended by the Park and Recreation Commission. Motion carried 5 – 0.

11. Police Department - Office of Public Safety:

Chief Scott Peterson and Scott McCauley, Minnesota Department of Public Safety, introduced themselves. McCauley said that his office is presenting the donation of two new light bars to the Windom Police Department valued at \$3,000. The donation is recognition of Windom's participation in the State's "Towards Zero Deaths" campaign. This was formerly entitled "Safe & Sober". In 2011 there were less than 400 deaths on Minnesota

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roadways, which is the lowest since 1944. The efforts to promote safety include speed enforcement, seat belt enforcement and DWI enforcement along with public education. Windom is being recognized for their speed enforcement activities in July 2011.

Council member Fossing introduced the Resolution No. 2012-08, entitled “AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A DONATION FROM THE OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY TO THE WINDOM POLICE DEPARTMENT” and moved its adoption. The resolution was seconded by Ray and on roll call vote: Aye: Maricle, Powers, Ray, Fossing and Jones. Nay: None. Absent: None. Resolution passed 5 – 0.

12. 2012 Mayor Appointments and Reappointments – Boards and Commissions:

Kruse said there was a handout at the desk for the meeting this evening. The appointments and reappointments he is presenting are as follows:

Airport Commission	Kjell Turner
Charter Commission	Tim Hiley
Civil Service Commission	Keith Lohse and Dean Schoeb
HRA	Margaret McDonald and Jens Hansen
Library Board	Charles Reid and Anita Winkel
Community Center Commission	Wayne Maras
Park & Recreation Commission	Kay Clark
Planning Commission	Ben Derickson
Telecommunications Commission	Virgil Meier
Tree Commission	Vicki Tucci

Kruse noted that he is still working on filling other vacancies and encouraged citizens that are interested in serving on boards and commissions contact him or submit their name via the City’s web site.

Motion by Powers, seconded by Jones to approve the appointments and reappointments to Boards and Commissions as presented. Motion carried 5 – 0.

13. Personnel Committee - Recommendations:

Powers said there is a memorandum in the Council packet. He said the three recommendations from the Committee included a request from Telecom, Police Department and Administration. The Telecom Department is asking to increase the part-time Administrative Assistant position from 32 hours\week to full time as a result of the additional work needed for the partnership with the Southwest Minnesota Broadband Services group. The Police Chief has recommended an accelerated step increase for Sergeant Patterson as his probation period had passed in August 2011 and his performance has been exemplary. Last, City Administration brought forward the possibility of starting a summer internship program. A summer intern would be used to assist with various projects and be able to benefit a college student with their education.

Motion by Powers, seconded by Jones to approve the increase in hours for the Telecommunications Department Administrative Assistant, a step increase to Step 12, Grade 16 for Sergeant Patterson and to implement a 2012 summer internship program. Motion carried 5 – 0.

14. Spring Clean – Up

Kruse said there was a letter from Cottonwood County asking the City to delay its annual Spring Clean-up due to space concerns at the landfill. The County is working on a project to expand the cell and offered to reduce the tipping fees if the clean-up were moved to fall.

Jones inquired if the County had been working on this issue since it seemed a little late to be bringing this matter up as the City is preparing for Spring Clean-up. He asked how much the savings would be on the tipping fee if the County charged half price. Nasby said there was a summary of costs in the packet, but last year the savings were about \$4,500.

Nasby said that one of the concerns is that citizens count on the clean-up and he knows the Building Official and Police Chief had been working on some problem properties with an idea that Spring clean-up is traditionally in April.

Ray said that graduation is early this year, but if the clean-up were put off until fall that may give people some additional time to work on their properties.

Maricle said that if the City were to precede the County may not continue to work with the City in reducing the tipping fees.

Nasby said that the City has had a good relationship with the County with this project and it is beneficial. The City could do additional advertising to encourage citizens to recycle as much as possible to try and reduce the amount of items on the curb at clean-up time.

Motion by Powers seconded by Jones, to proceed with the Spring Clean-up as scheduled and to set dates. Motion failed 2 – 3 (Fossing, Maricle and Ray).

Motion by Maricle seconded by Fossing to postpone the clean-up until fall as requested by the County. Motion carried 3 – 2 (Jones and Powers).

Jones asked about what would happen if the landfill expansion project is not completed by fall, will the County allow the City to do the clean-up then and get the reduced tipping fees?

15. 2012 Airport Hanger Project:

Nasby said that the Airport Commission had met to reconsider their recommendation on the addition of two small hanger bays. There is an airport user that has a larger plane and if there were hanger space and fuel available this would benefit the user and the Windom Airport. As such, the Commission is now recommending that the City proceed with a new 80 x 60 hanger located near the Arrival/Departure Building. This project is estimated to be

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\$486,000. The City has traditionally gotten FAA funds for 95% of the project, and this was what was anticipated when the Council passed the budget in December that included \$20,000 in capital funds for the project. The FAA has new legislation that is raising the local contribution to 10% of project cost. The proposed project needs \$48,600 in local funds and only \$20,000 had been budgeted.

Jones asked if the Airport Fund had the money in their fund to cover the cost and if the General Fund reserve were used is that an issue. Nasby said that Airport fund did not have a reserve and is typically just at break-even budget. The General Fund reserve has a policy of maintaining 75-100% of operational costs, but if the Council provided more money to the Airport for the project the impact to the General Fund reserve would not cause an issue with the reserve policy.

Maricle asked if the bigger hanger would be rented. Nasby said the Airport Manager had an interested party and the new hanger would be insulated and heated so the rent would be higher than the other units.

Motion by Maricle seconded by Jones, to approve Option 1B for the hanger project, commit \$28,600 from the General Fund reserve to complete the project and that rent received from that hanger is used to repay the \$28,600 to the General Fund reserve. Motion carried 5 – 0.

16. Long Range Planning – Strategy V:

Kruse said that Strategy V was the use and marketing of the value and beauty of our land and geography.

Goal #1 was to protect Windom's natural resources. Strategies included the planning for an outdoor garden and patio at the Community Center, working with partners on trail planning, grants for walkways and bike paths, enhancing services at Island Park and researching options on pest/weed control.

Jones said the Council's position on trails is on record and working on trail segments within the City is on the table for discussion. Both Jones and Maricle agreed that the planning and discussions on trails, walking paths or bike routes could be done during the capital planning meetings.

Maricle said expanding the camping sites at Island Park and facilities is needed. Caldwell said the restroom is the highest priority and he is working with other groups. A renovated or new restroom facility would include showers for campers and the timeline could be as short as one year. Other improvements as painting and maintenance will be done. The camp sites also need to be looked at as they were designed years ago for smaller camper vehicles and today's campers are much larger and have slide out rooms.

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Fossing asked how many camp sites exist. Caldwell said there are 10 at Island Park but they are permitted for 20. He said that due to the larger size of modern campers we would not be able to easily accommodate the permitted number.

Powers asked about the pest and weed control efforts. He thought we had a solid plan for pest control, but weed control is an issue that needs more attention.

Caldwell said that the Street & Park department had gotten the new fogger for insect control and the needed chemicals. Staff received training on the operation of the unit and is going to be getting their licenses to apply the chemical. Regarding weed control, the problem areas are alleys and along the commercial corridors. The commercial property owners along Highway 60/71 want the weeds controlled by MN DOT as it is the their right-of-way to maintain and MN DOT has done a poor job of this so it looks bad when the weeds grow up. In the alleys the property owners need to know the weeds need to be taken care of even though they are at the back or rear of the property.

Powers asked if the City can do the weed control and how this matter gets addressed so we do not have the problem. Caldwell said the City does some spraying and bills the cost, but this is only after the notification process, etc. and that takes staff time and expense to enforce. Caldwell noted the spraying the City crews did on our own streets was successful last year in stopping weeds that pop up between the street edge and curb.

Kruse said that Goal #2 was to market and brand Windom as an outdoor location.

Consensus of the Council was to maintain and improve our existing marketing efforts and to continue working with other groups on promoting Windom.

Kruse and Jones said they appreciate all of the work done by the City crews and Department Heads and want to pass along their thanks. Council agreed.

17. New Business:

Motion by Jones seconded by Fossing to accept the letter of resignation from City Attorney Dan McDonald effective March 15, 2012. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Jones thanked McDonald for all of his work on behalf of the City of Windom and wished him well. The rest of the Council concurred and passed along their thanks as well.

Motion by Jones, seconded by Maricle, to appoint Ron Schramel as Acting City Attorney effective March 16, 2012 through January 1, 2013. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Jones asked that the matter be referred to the Personnel Committee for discussion.

18. Unfinished Business:

None.

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19. Regular Bills:

Motion by Ray, seconded by Fossing, to approve the regular bills. Motion carried 5 – 0.

20. Contractor Payments:

Motion by Jones seconded by Maricle to pay a contractor bill in the amount of \$83,319.75 to Robert L. Carr Company. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Haugen said the wastewater project was on schedule and they had nearly completed the 16 x 16 underground portion of the wet well, but had to de-water the site.

Jones asked if de-watering was part of the bid price. Haugen said the bid had included it so no extra charges would be incurred.

21. Council Concerns:

Kruse said that the new City of Windom web site was up and running.

22. Adjourn:

Kruse adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Kirby Kruse, Mayor

Attest: _____
Steve Nasby, City Administrator

UTILITY COMMISSION MINUTES
City Hall, Council Chamber
February 22, 2012

Call Meeting to Order: The Utility Commission meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., on February 22, 2012 in the City Hall Council Chamber.

Members Present: Utility Commission Chairperson: Mike Schwalbach

Members Present: Tom Riordan

Member Absent: Glen Francis

City Council Liaison: Dominic Jones

Staff Present: Steve Nasby, City Administrator; Brigitte Olson, Assistant City Administrator; Marv Grunig, Electric Utility Manager; Mike Haugen, Water / Wastewater Superintendent

Staff Absent: None

Others Present: Kelly Yahnke, Bolton & Menk, Inc.; Dennis Johnson, Wenck Associates

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Riordan, seconded by Schwalbach, to approve the January 25 and January 30, 2012 Utility Commission minutes as presented. Motion carried 2-0, Absent Francis

WATER / WASTEWATER ITEMS

One Million Gallon Water Tower Bid Specs – Yahnke said that the plans and specs for the water tower repair will include a fifteen (15) and thirty (30) year life expectancy.

Motion by Riordan, seconded by Schwalbach, to call for plans and specifications for the One Million Gallon Water Tower refurbish project. Motion carried 2-0.

Toxicity Testing Update – Yahnke updated the Utility Commission on the Toxicity Source Evaluation (TSE). Nitrate and nitrite chronic toxicity was evaluated in the November 2010 EPA Final Report. Yahnke said that if the nitrates are causing the effluent to be toxic to *Ceriodaphnia dubia*'s reproduction, there is a less expensive solution for this than if the problem was from salty water discharge. One of the aeration tanks at the treatment plant could be turned over to a mixer type system to de-nitrify the sludge. Yahnke said that he would update the commission at their April 2012 meeting.

One Million Gallon Water Tower Bid Specs (continuation) - Jones apologized for missing the first portion of the meeting as he had some questions with the water tower project. Jones said that Haugen had provided him with the original contract when the water tower was built.

Jones said that he was unable to find any information that an inspection was ever done to the surface of the bowl before it was primed and painted. Yahnke said that there would have been an additional cost of \$30,000 to \$60,000 to perform that task, and they didn't feel that was warranted as a tenimic inspector was on site during portions of the project. Jones also said that he didn't want this to happen again, as he has been in the business for many years and has not seen water towers rust in a twelve (12) year time frame. Jones also said that rust doesn't come from paint but from metal.

Staff was directed to look for the original contract and any notes that may have been attached to it.

Lift Station Update – Yahnke said that the main lift station is being de-watered, and then the floor will be poured. He also said that the project is progressing well.

Landfill Winter Sampling Results – Haugen said the vinyl chloride detection showed that the levels are 2.9 ug/l at MW-5A. Recommended actions show that continued quarterly monitoring of the well(s) is indicated for levels that exceed 2 ug/l. At the present time the recovery well system does not have to run and will be reevaluated following the spring sampling event.

Fire Hydrant Quotes – Haugen said that he has received an additional quote for sandblasting and painting fire hydrants. The second quote is from Ron Vought, Diamond V Sandblasting. His quote is for \$60.00 for non-lead paint hydrant and \$85.00 for lead paint hydrant. The original quote received from B & L Utility Maintenance, LLC. was for \$85.00 for non-lead paint hydrants and an additional \$40.00 for those hydrants that have lead paint.

Motion by Schwalbach, seconded by Riordan, to accept the quote from Ron Vought, Diamond V Sandblasting. The motion is to not exceed \$5,000 cost for the project for 2012. Motion carried 2-0.

2011 MN DNR – Annual Report of Water Use - Haugen directed the Utility Commission to their packet and the Fee Calculation Worksheet for the Annual Water Use fee. Haugen said that the base month used for this report is January each year. The usage fee for 2011's was \$2,498.00, and the landfill fee was \$140.00. Jones asked if Haugen would let Jones know that he can pump additional water in January 2013, as the permit would not increase for usage in January. (The reminder should come in December 2012)

OTHER ITEMS

Haugen said that Ted Koch Has asked him if it would be possible to supply his residence with City Water. (His residence is across the road for MN DOT). The Utility Commission said that precedence has been set, and Koch needs to petition to enter into the City of Windom. This would likely need to include the other four (4) properties in that area.

2012 Street Construction Project – Johnson reviewed the plans and specs with the commission for the River Road and 6th Street projects as this infrastructure will be added onto Cottonwood County's road project. Water lines on 6th Street will be replaced from ¾" lines to one inch lines, and will be relocating the lines outside of the right of way and replacing

hydrants and changing locations of a few. Grunig said that he may have an issue as there are utility poles right next to the curb. Johnson said that they could use a trench box as the curb / gutters will not be replaced either.

Haugen said that Sonja Johnson had called him and indicated that her water service was replaced in 1988, and she didn't want to pay for a connection fee again. Schwalbach said that he didn't want to pro-rate the service, and that they were getting an improved service line and he thought the cost for hook up in 1988 was \$200. Jones noted that they were at the hearing and didn't have any concerns at that time. Staff was directed to call Johnsons and let them know that they can voice their opinion at the close out hearing.

The River Road Sewer project will move the sewer main to the middle of the road and relocate the water main out of the right of way and add additional hydrants. This project will also improve elevations of the sewer mains. Haugen said that eight (8) or nine (9) valves will be replaced to isolate shut off areas.

Highway 60 Water Main Project – Johnson present the plans and specs for the Highway 60 Water Main Project, however did not review it with the commission as the project had not changed from 2011.

Bio-Solid Annual Inspection – Haugen said that the Waste Water Treatment Facility had its annual state inspection. This inspection has not been done since 1983. Although the report is not in Haugen said that the facilities passed from 1983 to present.

Haugen said that a fire hydrant was run over by a Toro semi, and this will be replaced in the summer. It may be moved as this is the second time it has been hit.

ELECTRIC ITEMS

Future Power Supply Discussion – Grunig provided documentation showing the peak demand from 1984 to 2011 for both the summer and winter months. This information was provided in both graph format and chart format. Both media's indicated about a 2.9% growth until 2002, and since that time growth has gone down to less than 1% growth in the demand usage. Grunig also showed several media's for KWH's purchased and sold and the revenues associated with each. Grunig also proved the January 2012 bill from Central Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (CMMPA) which broke down the price per KWH for member dues, NC2 energy purchased, MISO energy, wind energy and the City of Windom's entire portfolio of congestion losses, transmission costs and FTR credits. This information was preparing the Utility Commission for "Letter of Interest in Resource Planning Coalition's Long-Term Purchases". Upon the review of all the information provided by Grunig, his recommendation was not to sign this letter at the present time, and he will bring concerns back to the next CMMPA meeting.

Generation Fuel Bids – Grunig said that Staples Oil was only bidder for the 30,000 gallons of fuel for generation.

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Grunig said that "The Capitol Tattler" said that the bill entitled "Incumbent electric transmission owner rights established" was introduced to return Minnesota to the status quo before a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), would seem to give "incumbent electric transmission owners" a right of first refusal over municipal construction or involvement in a high-voltage transmission line with a capacity of 100 kilowatts or more. Many municipal utilities believe their only hedge against rapidly increasing transmission costs to transmission ownership, and anything infringing on that right is viewed as a threat. More information on this will probably follow.

REGULAR BILLS

Motion by Riordan, seconded by Schwalbach, to approve payment of the following bills.

Bolton & Menk, Inc.	\$7,137.06
Bolton & Menk, Inc.	\$3,195.00
Wenck Associates Inc.	\$ 466.50
Wenck Associates Inc.	\$1,201.00
Wenck Associates Inc.	\$7,105.50
Robert L Carr Co	\$83,319.75

Motion carried 2-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Olson said that a letter was sent to Cornwells regarding their high water bill. This letter was returned to us by the post office as their forwarding had expired. A current Arizona address was provided and the letter was re-sent.

NEW BUSINESS

The next meeting was set for March 28, 2012 at 10:00 in Council Chamber.

On motion the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

Mike Schwalbach, Utility Comm. Chairperson

Attest: _____
Steve Nasby, City Administrator

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF WINDOM
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 2012**

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Erickson at 12:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call & Guest Introductions:

EDAWN Commissioners: Juhl Erickson, Sally Larson, Trevor Slette, Corey Maricle, and Kelsey Fossing.

Also Present: City Administrator Steve Nasby, Mayor Kirby Kruse, WADC Liaison Lisa Fredin, Mary Hensen, EDA Admin. Asst. (2 interviews); Dan Steenhoek and Nancy Wepplo representing the Windom Area Chamber of Commerce; and Rahn Larson (Citizen).

3. EDA Executive Director – Initial Interviews: The EDA Board interviewed five candidates for the position of EDA Executive Director. Dan Steenhoek was present for the interviews as a representative of the Windom Area Chamber of Commerce. The format of each interview included an oral presentation by the candidate to the EDA Commissioners, followed by a specific list of questions from the EDA Board, and any follow-up questions.

At the conclusion of the interviews, Nancy Wepplo, also representing the Windom Area Chamber of Commerce, joined Mr. Steenhoek for a discussion with the EDA Board regarding the future plans for each of the organizations and the possibility of sharing administrative personnel. After further discussion, it was the consensus of the EDA Board and the Chamber of Commerce representatives that both organizations should endeavor to coordinate their goals, work closely together on projects, and enhance the business environment. However, both organizations expressed the need to maintain their respective Executive Director positions and leadership structure.

After further review, a ballot was given to each EDA Commissioner to list his/her top three choices from the five candidates interviewed. The three candidates receiving the most votes would proceed to final interviews. City Administrator Nasby tallied the votes and announced the results. The EDA Board approved the three finalists for second interviews. The EDA Board was satisfied with the initial interview process and, by consensus, chose not to request a joint meeting with the City Council for purposes of the final interviews. The EDA Board stated that they would support and work with any one of the candidates that the City Council selected for the position.

Motion by Commissioner Slette, seconded by Commissioner Larson, to forward the names of Betsy Herding, Mitch Voehl and Aaron Backman to the City Council for finalist interviews for the EDA Executive Director position. Motion carried 5–0.

4. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:20 p.m.

Trevor Slette, Secretary-Treasurer

Attest: _____

Juhl Erickson, President

MEMORANDUM



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TO: City Council
FROM: City Administrator and Streets & Parks Superintendent
DATE: March 2, 2012
RE: 6th Street (aka County State Aid Highway 17) Parking

At the last City Council meeting there was a discussion about parking on 6th Street as it relates to the planning for the resurfacing and infrastructure project. Both the City and County have had requests to increase safety and accommodate pedestrians. The City is the responsible authority for traffic control and parking on the portion of the roadway within City limits.

Due to the timing of the project bidding and State requirements for review on County State Aid Projects the County is requesting City Council action on a parking plan. Attached are two parking plans for your information and consideration.

Figure 1 shows the parking as it currently exists, which is with an off-set center stripe allowing for parking on the north side of the street only and no designated pedestrian lanes.

Figure 2 is a proposed parking plan that would center vehicle traffic lanes on the roadway, eliminate all parking on 6th Street between Highway 60/71 and Lakeview Avenue and establish pedestrian lanes on both sides of the street.

Due to the recent emergence of a formally approved parking plan being required to move ahead on the County State Aid Project a decision is needed at the meeting this evening. As such there has not been an opportunity for individual notices to be sent to individual property owners and public input solicited.

As stated previously, the matter was discussed at the February 21, 2012 Council meeting and there are safety issues to be considered along with the impact to property owners parking on that section of 6th Street. cursory research has indicated that the elimination of parking to be limited and in the past there was no parking on 6th Street.

The Council could proceed with Figure 2 or the Council could approve Figure 1 (existing conditions) and then work with the County and the property owners on possible changes. Any changes could possibly be incorporated in the project through a future change order after the project is underway later this year.

RESOLUTION #2012-

INTRODUCED:

SECONDED:

VOTED: **Aye:**
 Nay:
 Absent:

**STATE AID FOR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION RESOLUTION
RELATING TO PARKING RESTRICTIONS FOR S.A.P. 17-617-16 FROM
TRUNK HIGHWAY 60/71 TO LAKEVIEW AVENUE IN THE CITY OF WINDOM**

WHEREAS, this resolution was passed this 6th day of March, 2012, by the City of Windom in Cottonwood County, Minnesota. The municipal corporation shall hereinafter be called the "City".

WHEREAS, the County has planned the improvement of 6th Street, State Aid Route No. 17, from the junction of TH 60/71 to the junction of Lakeview Avenue in the City of Windom, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the County will be expending Municipal State Aid Funds on the improvements of this Street; and

WHEREAS, this improvement does not provide adequate width for parking on both sides of the street; and approval of the proposed construction as a Municipal State Aid Highway project must therefore be conditioned upon certain parking restrictions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF WINDOM, MINNESOTA, THAT THE "CITY" SHALL BAN THE PARKING OF MOTOR VEHICLES ON THE _____ SIDE(S) OF C.S.A.H. 17 (6TH STREET) FROM TH 60/71 TO LAKEVIEW AVENUE AT ALL TIMES.

Adopted by the Council this 6th day of March, 2012.

Kirby G. Kruse, Mayor

Attest: _____
Steven Nasby, City Administrator

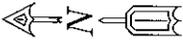
CERTIFICATION

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF COTTONWOOD)
)
CITY OF WINDOM)

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution presented to and adopted by the City Council of the City of Windom at a meeting therefor held in the City of Windom, Minnesota, on the 6th day of March, 2012, as disclosed by the records of said City in my possession.

City Clerk

(Seal)



LAKEVIEW AVE

REDDING AVE

COLLINS AVE

DRAKE AVE

PROSPECT AVE

DRAKE AVE

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MILLER AVE

6TH ST. / CSAH 17

QUEVLI AVE

FIRST AVE

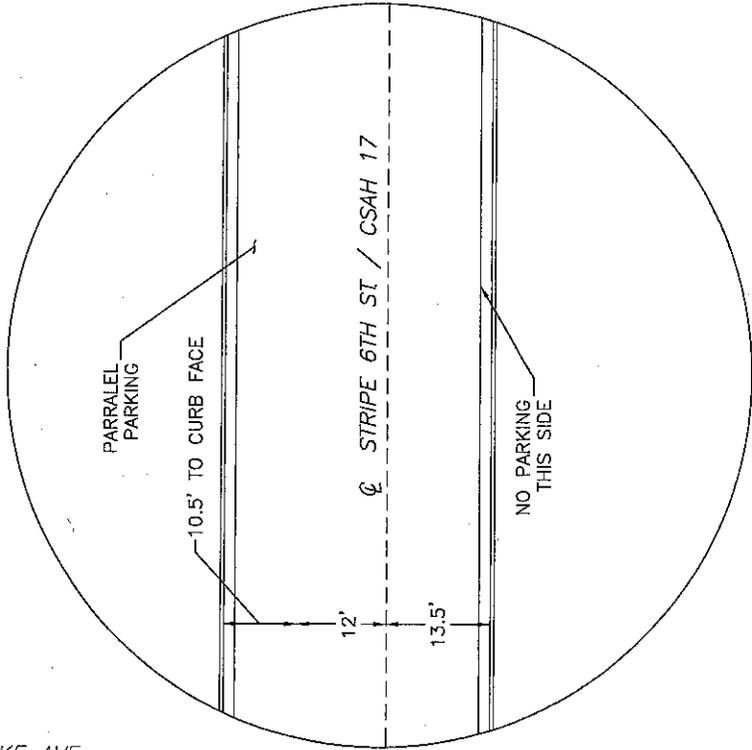
UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD

TH 62

TH 60/71

CSAH 17

CSAH 26



THE CITY SHALL COMPLY WITH ANY STATUTE OR RULE
HEREAFTER ADOPTED WITH RESPECT TO PARKING

DATED THE _____ DAY OF _____, 20____

ATTEST: _____ CITY OF _____ MINNESOTA

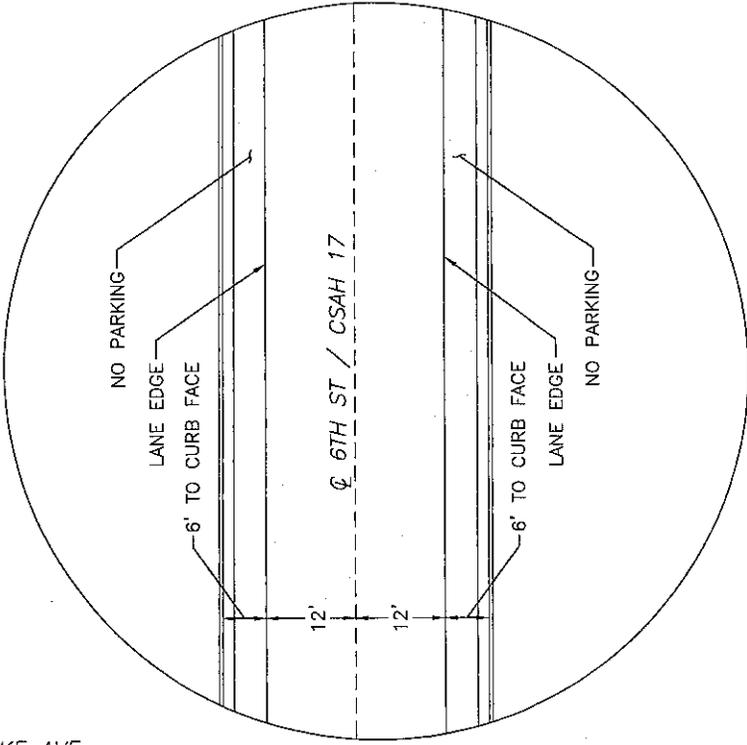
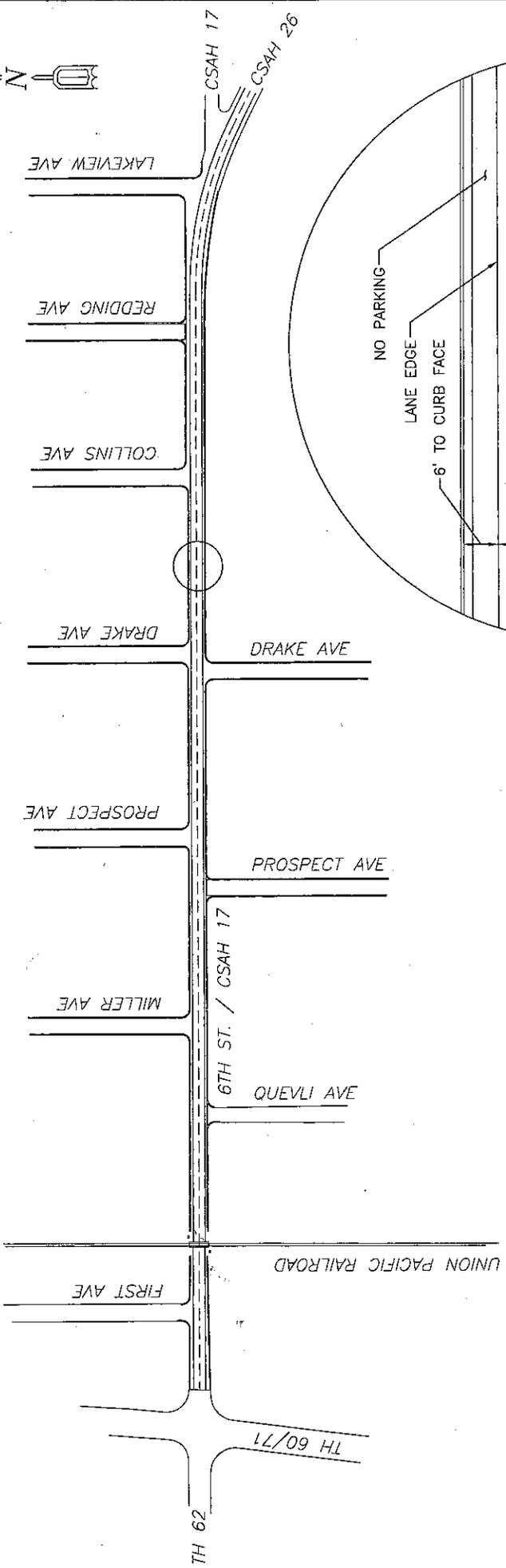
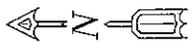
CITY CLERK _____ MAYOR

ATTEST: _____ COUNTY OF _____

COUNTY AUDITOR _____ CHAIRPERSON OF THE COUNTY BOARD

- NO PARKING:
- (A) IN FRONT OF A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE DRIVEWAY.
 - (B) WITHIN 10 FT. OF A FIRE HYDRANT.
 - (C) WITHIN 20 FT. OF A CROSSWALK AT AN INTERSECTION.
 - (D) WITHIN 20 FT. OF THE DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE TO ANY FIRE STATION AND ON THE SIDE OF A STREET OPPOSITE THE ENTRANCE TO ANY FIRE STATION WITHIN 75' FT. OF SAID DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE.
 - (E) WITHIN 30 FT. OF A STOP SIGN.
 - (H) WHERE PROHIBITED BY M.S. 188.34.

Figure 1



THE CITY SHALL COMPLY WITH ANY STATUTE OR RULE
HEREAFTER ADOPTED WITH RESPECT TO PARKING

DATED THE _____ DAY OF _____, 20____

ATTEST: _____ CITY OF _____ MINNESOTA

CITY CLERK _____ MAYOR

ATTEST: _____ COUNTY OF _____

COUNTY AUDITOR _____ CHAIRPERSON OF THE COUNTY BOARD

NO PARKING:
- EITHER SIDE OF THE ROAD FROM
TH 60/71 TO LAKEVIEW AVE



RONALD GREGG
REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER NO. 26799

DATE _____

PARKING PLAN

Figure 2

Wednesday, February 22, 2012

Request to the Windom City Council:

The Housing & Redevelopment Board of Directors would like to set up a policy that gives us the ability to spend up to \$450 on Employee Recognition based on the discretion of the board.

Marilyn Sudenga



Larry Hartman



Jens Hansen



Pat Tepley

Frank Dorpinghaus



Doreen Jorgensen



Margaret McDonald



Cottonwood County Emergency Services Association

January 31, 2012

To: Cottonwood County Board of Commissioners
City Administrators and City Councils in Cottonwood County

RE: Letter of Recommendation to use Motorola radios countywide

This letter is being written on behalf of the Cottonwood County Emergency Services Association. (Primary member representation includes personnel from Cottonwood County Emergency Management, Cottonwood County Sheriff's Office, City of Windom – Police, Fire and EMS, City of Mountain Lake – Police, Fire and EMS, City of Westbrook – Police, Fire and EMS, City of Storden – Fire and First Responders, City of Jeffers – Fire and EMS, City of Comfrey – Fire and First Responders.)

Cottonwood County Emergency Services Association wishes to **recommend** all partners within the public safety/first responder agencies, the public service agencies and non-governmental agencies buy Motorola Brand radios for use on the ARMER system, more specifically the Motorola XTS 2500-Model 2, digital portable radio and the Motorola XTL 2500 mobile radio.

Motorola and the State of Minnesota have worked closely together in designing the ARMER Backbone System as well as providing reliable subscriber radio communications equipment. All Motorola subscriber radios have gone through extensive testing (portables and mobiles) and have been approved, meeting the TIA/EIA Series 102 "APCO Project 25" Standards. Motorola radios do not exhibit operational, performance or other characteristics that substantially and measurably negatively impact the system or its users.

Different subscriber radios from different vendors utilizing different radio operating software will provide a variety of services, features, functionality and performance to the users. At the same time, different radios will also interact differently with the infrastructure and could potentially exhibit undesirable operational characteristics. An example of an undesirable performance operational characteristic would be poor simulcast audio recovery resulting in reduced geographic range, garbled audio, etc. It is also possible that new, unproven radios and/or software may exhibit performance and functionality characteristics that are destructive to the overall performance, capacity and/or security of the Backbone System. An example of destructive functionality characteristics would be a radio which does not provide for site access roaming priority tables and results in indiscriminate roaming scattering users to different RF subsystems and sites.

The XTS 2500/XTL 2500 offers an exceptional solution for coordination and communication needs. Noise-reduction software eliminates background interference, ensuring a clear, crisp signal. Compliance with P25 standards means reliable transmission and reception across agencies and jurisdictions. The rugged design resists extremes in temperature, shock and weather.

Cottonwood County Emergency Services Association has discussed the importance of agencies being able to talk to one another by radio, to share data, to coordinate lifesaving operations, and to provide a basic level of public safety. These are jobs that require everyone be on the same page, have the same training and more importantly operate the same equipment county wide. If a radio gets damaged or the battery dies, any responder carrying a radio could "borrow" from another agency and there would be no questions or "just in time" emergency training on how to operate the radio, therefore saving critical time.

Cottonwood County Emergency Services Association

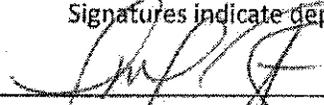
Other benefits would be having the same vendor, which could potentially be a large cost saving benefit in regards to programming. Different radio brands would require working with different vendors which would also require that vendor to create new code plugs, use different software equipment for programming those radios, running up the costs even more for individual agencies.

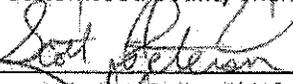
"Interoperable" voice radio communications allows public safety and service agencies (police, fire, EMS, non-governmental entities, public works, transportation, hospitals etc.) to communicate across agencies and jurisdictions on demand, in real time, and when authorized. It means, in any multi-discipline emergency response, all are able to talk to one another by radio. Without good interoperable communications, lives can be lost, homes and neighborhoods can be destroyed, and disasters can escalate into tragedies.

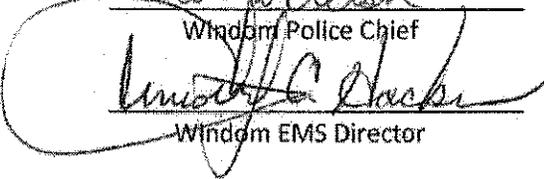
Currently, many of our public safety entities/first responders carry multiple radio units or carry various brands, make and models throughout the county and surrounding areas. This can slow response times and increase operational and maintenance costs for all. To be efficient and effective, Cottonwood County Emergency Services Association makes the recommendation to all key officials county wide, to equip all radio users within Cottonwood County with the same equipment.

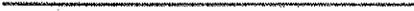
This issue is too important to ignore and too big for any of us to solve individually. We must work together to ensure our public safety/first responders, public service agencies and non-governmental agencies are adequately equipped to do their jobs.

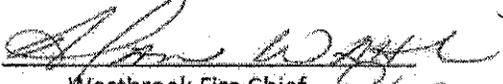
Signatures indicate departments that have blessed this recommendation.

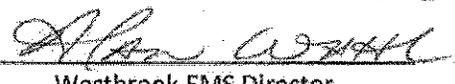

Cottonwood County Sheriff

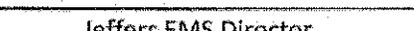

Windom Police Chief


Windom EMS Director


Mountain Lake Fire Chief

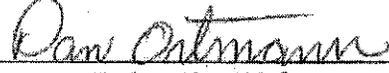

Westbrook Fire Chief


Westbrook EMS Director

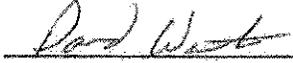

Jeffers EMS Director

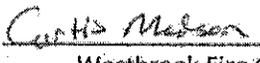

Comfrey Fire & First Responders


Cottonwood County Emergency Mgt

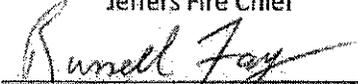

Windom Fire Chief


Mountain Lake Police Chief


Mountain Lake EMS Director


Westbrook Fire Chief


Jeffers Fire Chief


Storden Fire Chief & First Responders

RESOLUTION #2012-

INTRODUCED:

SECONDED:

VOTED: Aye:

Nay:

Absent:

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RATES, CHARGES AND FEES FOR SWIMMING POOL USAGE AND RECREATION PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the City Council has the authority to establish rates and fees for municipal services, admissions and rentals; and

WHEREAS, the City Council periodically establishes rates and fees for municipal special revenue funds; and

WHEREAS, the Windom Park & Recreation Commission recommends to the Windom City Council to change the following pool rates and recreation fees; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Windom and its citizens to operate the city special revenue funds in a cost-effective manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Windom, Minnesota, that the swimming pool rates and recreation fees be amended as follows:

2012 Pool Rates

Daily Child	\$3.50
Daily Adult	\$3.50 (same as 2011)
Family Hour	\$7.00
Daily Wading Pool/Non Swimmer	\$1.00 (same as 2011)
Annual Family Passes	\$95.00
Purchase after 5/31	\$105.00
Annual Individual (Student & Adult)	\$55.00
Purchase after 5/31	\$65.00
Swimming Lessons	\$30.00
Punch Card All Users(10 Punch Card 1-punch per/day)	\$30.00
Annual Wading Pool/Non Swimmer	\$25.00 (same as 2011)

2012 Recreation Fees

K T Ball- 3 days a week for 45 minutes-\$45.00
Tykes T Ball- Twice A week for 45 minutes- \$45.00
Coach Pitch/T Ball- 5 days a week for an hour- \$45.00
Pony League- \$60.00
Softball- 1 – 3rd Grade- \$45.00 Meets daily for an hour
Hershey's Track- \$50.00 (Includes \$5 District Entry Fee)
Flag Football - \$45.00 - 6 Weeks
1st - 3rd Grade
4th – 6th Grade-Program not held in 2011 Due to lack of numbers
Fall Soccer-K – 3rd Grade- \$45.00
Spring Soccer-K – 6th Grade- \$45.00

Adopted this 6th day of March, 2012.

Kirby G. Kruse, Mayor

ATTEST:

Steven Nasby, City Administrator

February 15, 2012

TO: Township Boards, City Councils, and Local Assessors
SUBJECT: 2012 Local Boards of Appeal and Equalization

Below is the schedule of the dates and times for the 2012 Local Boards of Appeal and Equalization Meetings. If the date assigned to your board of equalization will not work for your district, please let me know immediately and we can reschedule it. Please make sure your board members are aware of the district's meeting date and are able to attend.

You will need to post three (3) notices of the meeting in three conspicuous locations at least ten (10) days prior to the scheduled meeting date (enclosed). Each notice should contain the meeting date, time, and location. Please make note of the date that you post these notices for the Board of Equalization record.

As in the past, my office will be taking care of the newspaper advertising for all of the districts. If you have any questions, contact my office.

Gale Bondhus
Cottonwood County Assessor

Cottonwood County 2012 Local Boards of Appeal and Equalization

Day	Date	Township/City	Time	Location/Assessor
Monday	April 16, 2012	Amboy Township	9:00-9:30 a.m.	Amboy Town Hall
Friday	April 20, 2012	Amo Township	1:00-1:30 p.m.	Storden Community Center
Tuesday	April 17, 2012	Ann Township	9:00-9:30 a.m.	Doreen Osland Home
Wednesday	April 18, 2012	Carson Township	9:00-9:30 a.m.	JoAnn Nickel Home
Tuesday	April 17, 2012	Dale Township	6:30-7:00 p.m.	Gail Maras Home
Tuesday	April 17, 2012	Delton Township	5:00-5:30 p.m.	Delton Town Hall
Monday	April 16, 2012	Germantown Township (Open Book Meeting)	5:00-5:30 p.m.	Sanborn ADM Elevator
Thursday	April 19, 2012	Great Bend Township	9:00-9:30 a.m.	Cottonwood County LEC
Friday	April 20, 2012	Highwater Township	11:00-11:30 a.m.	Storden Community Center
Wednesday	April 18, 2012	Lakeside Township (Open Book Meeting)	3:00-3:30 p.m.	Lakeside Town Hall
Wednesday	April 18, 2012	Midway Township	11:00-11:30 a.m.	Mountain Lake Fire Department
Wednesday	April 18, 2012	Mountain Lake Township	1:00-1:30 p.m.	Mountain Lake Town Hall
Thursday	April 19, 2012	Rosehill Township	5:00-5:30 p.m.	Rosehill Town Hall
Monday	April 16, 2012	Selma Township	11:00-11:30 a.m.	Selma Town Hall
Thursday	April 19, 2012	Southbrook Township	1:00-1:30 p.m.	Hans Remmers Home
Tuesday	April 17, 2012	Springfield Township	11:00-11:30 a.m.	Springfield Town Hall
Friday	April 20, 2012	Storden Township	3:00-3:30 p.m.	Storden Community Center
Friday	April 20, 2012	Westbrook Township	5:00-5:30 p.m.	Westbrook Town Hall
Monday	April 9, 2012	Bingham Lake City	6:30-7:00 p.m.	Bingham Lake City Hall
Monday	April 23, 2012	Comfrey	7:00-7:30 p.m.	Comfrey City Hall
Wednesday	May 2, 2012	Jeffers	5:00-5:30 p.m.	Jeffers City Hall
Thursday	May 10, 2012	Mountain Lake City	5:30-6:00 p.m.	Mountain Lake City Hall
Tuesday	May 1, 2012	Storden City	5:00-5:30 p.m.	Storden Community Center
Monday	May 7, 2012	Westbrook City	5:30-6:00 p.m.	Westbrook City Hall
Monday	May 14, 2012	Windom	4:30-5:00 p.m.	Windom City Hall
Tuesday	June 12, 2012	County Equalization	6:00 p.m.	Cottonwood County Courthouse Commissioners Room

ASSESSMENT NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT THE BOARD OF REVIEW OF THE CITY OF WINDOM, COTTONWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA, WILL MEET AT THE WINDOM CITY HALL IN SAID TOWNSHIP OR CITY, AT 4:30 TO 5:00 O'CLOCK PM ON MONDAY THE 14TH DAY OF MAY, 2012. THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING AND CORRECTING THE ASSESSMENT OF SAID TOWNSHIP OR CITY FOR THE YEAR 2012.

NO COMPLAINT THAT ANOTHER PERSON IS ASSESSED TOO LOW WILL BE ACTED UPON UNTIL THE PERSON SO ASSESSED, OR HIS AGENT, HAS BEEN NOTIFIED OF SUCH COMPLAINT.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS _____ 15TH _____ DAY OF _____ FEBRUARY _____, 2012



COTTONWOOD COUNTY ASSESSOR

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING ASSESSMENT
& CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY

**** THIS MAY AFFECT YOUR 2013 PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS. ****

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION FOR THE CITY OF WINDOM SHALL MEET ON MONDAY, MAY 14TH, 2012, FROM 4:30 TO 5:00 PM, AT THE WINDOM CITY HALL IN SAID TOWNSHIP OR CITY. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING IS TO DETERMINE WHETHER TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE JURISDICTION HAS BEEN PROPERLY VALUED AND CLASSIFIED BY THE ASSESSOR, AND TO DETERMINE WHETHER CORRECTIONS NEED TO BE MADE.

IF YOU BELIEVE THE VALUE OR CLASSIFICATION OF YOUR PROPERTY IS INCORRECT, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR ASSESSOR'S OFFICE TO DISCUSS YOUR CONCERNS. IF YOU ARE STILL NOT SATISFIED WITH THE VALUATION OR CLASSIFICATION AFTER DISCUSSING IT WITH YOUR ASSESSOR, YOU MAY APPEAR BEFORE THE LOCAL BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION. THE BOARD SHALL REVIEW THE VALUATION, CLASSIFICATION, OR BOTH IF NECESSARY, AND SHALL CORRECT IT AS NEEDED. GENERALLY, AN APPEARANCE BEFORE YOUR LOCAL BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION IS REQUIRED BY LAW BEFORE AN APPEAL CAN BE TAKEN TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION.

NO COMPLAINT THAT ANOTHER PERSON IS ASSESSED TOO LOW WILL BE ACTED UPON UNTIL THE PERSON SO ASSESSED, OR HIS AGENT, HAS BEEN NOTIFIED OF SUCH COMPLAINT.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 21st DAY OF February, 2012



CLERK OF THE City OF Windom

2011

***ANNUAL
REPORT***



City of Windom

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A Special Revenue Fund can best be described as one that derives most of its revenue from sales of products and/or services. Therefore, all transactions are accounted for in a separate fund.

When revenues are not enough to cover disbursements, property taxes will be required.

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CITY OF WINDOM
ALL FUNDS
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
YEAR END DECEMBER 31, 2011

FUND	TREASURER CASH BALANCE 1/1/2011	RECEIPTS	DISBURSED	TREASURER CASH BALANCE 12/31/2011
<u>GOVERNMENT FUNDS:</u>				
General	1,735,317	2,491,635	2,074,129	2,152,823
Library	39,312	174,671	171,422	42,561
Equip/Fixed Asset	(84,198)	332,553	372,547	(124,192)
PIR	424,068	561,591	548,159	437,500
Hospital Bond Fund	0	0	0	0
Capital Project	0	0	67,170	(67,170)
Tax Increment Financing	190,003	317,447	213,821	293,629
Economic Development	24,851	673,186	641,231	56,806
TOTAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS	2,329,353	4,551,083	4,088,479	2,791,957
<u>SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS:</u>				
Airport	(14,141)	113,995	145,450	(45,596)
Pool	29,383	111,272	110,966	29,689
Ambulance	874,280	464,703	331,510	1,007,473
Community Center	(110,760)	316,063	243,758	(38,455)
Arena	46,973	315,941	297,337	65,577
TOTAL SPECIAL FUNDS	825,735	1,321,974	1,129,021	1,018,688
<u>ENTERPRISE FUNDS:</u>				
Liquor	395,060	1,481,494	1,417,614	458,940
Water	475,409	1,091,254	879,976	686,687
Electric	4,153,457	5,893,415	5,305,930	4,740,942
Sewer	743,339	1,339,843	1,363,970	719,212
Telecom	(245,740)	2,120,947	2,350,802	(475,595)
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND:	5,521,525	11,926,953	11,318,292	6,130,186
GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS	8,676,613	17,800,010	16,535,792	9,940,831

**CITY OF WINDOM
GENERAL FUND
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
YEAR END DECEMBER 31, 2011**

TREASURER'S CASH BALANCE JAN. 1, 2011

\$1,735,317

RECEIPTS:

Property Taxes	\$615,378
Local Government Aids	\$1,249,981
Electric Fund Contribution Lieu of Taxes	\$175,000
Liquor Fund Contribution Lieu of Taxes	\$70,000
Firemen's Relief	\$25,849
Fire Contract (Townships)	\$36,392
License & Permits	\$55,918
Police Relief	\$53,217
Building Rent	\$3,865
Traffic Fines	\$26,506
Material & Labor Charges	\$1,567
Recreation Fees	\$15,010
Park Fees	\$8,540
Lodging Taxes	\$24,603
Fire Call Insurance Payment	\$16,752
Service Charges	\$59,276
Spring Clean up	\$25,382
All Other	\$28,399
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>\$2,491,635</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Mayor & Council	\$91,096
Election	\$5
City Office	\$125,423
Assessing/Planning & Zoning	\$124,551
Legal	\$2,008
City Hall	\$39,413
Police Dept.	\$859,111
Fire Dept.	\$125,950
Civil Defense	\$4,887
Animal Control	\$5,287
Street Dept.	\$498,576
Health & Sanitation	\$18,388
General Recreation	\$31,319
Senior Citizens	\$0
Parks	\$148,115
All Other	\$0
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$2,074,129</u>

TREASURER'S CASH BALANCE DEC. 31, 2011

\$2,152,823

**CITY OF WINDOM
LIBRARY FUND
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
YEAR END DECEMBER 31 , 2011**

TREASURER'S CASH BALANCE JAN. 1, 2011 **\$39,312**

RECEIPTS:

Property Tax	\$150,505
County Aid	\$10,874
Building Rent	\$300
Fines	\$1,965
Misc.	<u>\$11,027</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS **\$174,671**

DISBURSEMENTS:

Personnel Services	\$92,243
Supplies & Services	\$15,371
Utilities	\$9,575
Capital Outlay	\$1,200
Books & Periodicals	\$52,844
Misc.	<u>\$189</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS **\$171,422**

TREASURER'S CASH BALANCE DEC. 31, 2011 **\$42,561**

**CITY OF WINDOM
EQUIPMENT & FIXED ASSET FUND
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
YEAR END DECEMBER 31 , 2011**

TREASURER'S CASH BALANCE JAN. 1, 2011 **(\$84,198)**

RECEIPTS:

Property Taxes	\$69,262
LMCIT Grant	\$250,000
Fire Grant	\$10,000
Misc. Income	<u>\$3,291</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$332,553

DISBURSEMENTS:

City Hall	\$22,210
Office Equipment	\$9,940
Fire	\$0
Library	\$0
Street	\$336,412
Parks	\$1,958
Street Equipment	\$2,027
Misc.	<u>\$0</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$372,547

TREASURER'S CASH BALANCE DEC. 31, 2011 **(\$124,192)**

**CITY OF WINDOM
HOSPITAL BOND FUND
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
YEAR END DECEMBER 31 , 2011**

TREASURER'S CASH BALANCE JAN. 1, 2011		\$0
<u>RECEIPTS:</u>		
Windom Area Hospital	0	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$0	
<u>DISBURSEMENTS:</u>		
Debt Service	0	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$0	
TREASURER'S CASH BALANCE DEC. 31, 2011		\$0

**CITY OF WINDOM
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING FUND
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
YEAR END DECEMBER 31 , 2011**

TREASURER' S CASH BALANCE JAN. 1, 2011 **\$190,003**

RECEIPTS:

Harwin Increment	\$4,736
Quiring Increment	\$0
Runnings Increment	\$30,802
PM Windom	\$94,004
Downtown Redev	\$5,687
Riverbend	\$26,336
River Bluff Estates	\$22,788
Pamida Increment	\$70,613
Spec Bldg II	\$10,978
Toro Increment	<u>\$51,503</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS **\$317,447**

DISBURSEMENTS:

TIF 1-4 Toro	\$51,567
TIF 1-10 Runnings	\$30,865
TIF 1-11 Quiring	\$64
TIF 1-12 PM Windom	\$47,066
TIF 1-13 River Bluff Estates	\$3,766
TIF 1-8 Downtown Redev	\$5,751
TIF 1-3 Spec Bldg	\$64
TIF 1-6 River Bend	\$13,232
TIF 1-14 Spec Bldg II	\$11,042
TIF 1-2 Pamida	\$50,340
TIF 1-1 Harwin	<u>\$64</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS **\$213,821**

TREASURER'S CASH BALANCE DEC. 31, 2011 **\$293,629**

**CITY OF WINDOM
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
YEAR END DECEMBER 31 , 2011**

TREASURER'S CASH BALANCE JAN. 1, 2011 **\$24,851**

RECEIPTS:

Tax Levy	\$123,830
TIF Admn Services	\$31,695
TIF Reimbursement	\$10,978
Rent	\$50,044
Note Payable Fulda Credit Union	\$423,369
MCCF Membership Interest	\$30,000
Misc.	<u>\$3,270</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS **\$673,186**

DISBURSEMENTS:

Personnel Services	\$103,312
Supplies & Services	\$33,917
Capital Outlay	\$0
Notes Payable	\$449,353
Interest	\$28,290
Misc.	<u>\$26,360</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS **\$641,231**

TREASURER'S CASH BALANCE DEC. 31, 2011 **\$56,806**

**CITY OF WINDOM
CAPITAL PROJECT FUND
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
YEAR END DECEMBER 31 , 2011**

TREASURER'S CASH BALANCE JAN. 1, 2011		\$0
<u>RECEIPTS:</u>		
	<u>\$0</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$0	
<u>DISBURSEMENTS:</u>		
2011 Dam Project	<u>\$67,170</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$67,170	
TREASURER'S CASH BALANCE DEC. 31, 2011		(\$67,170)

**CITY OF WINDOM
AIRPORT FUND
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
YEAR END DECEMBER 31 , 2011**

TREASURER'S CASH BALANCE JAN. 1, 2011 **(\$14,141)**

RECEIPTS:

Tax Levy	\$30,000
Sale of Aviation Gas	\$37,016
Hanger Rentals	\$15,185
State Aids	\$15,486
Grant Funds/Mower-Runway	\$14,714
Misc.	<u>\$1,594</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS **\$113,995**

DISBURSEMENTS:

Supplies & Services	\$31,626
2011 Grant/Hangar Repair	\$26,220
Personnel Services	\$7,238
Capital Outlay	\$28,811
Aviation Gas Purchased for Resale	<u>\$51,555</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS **\$145,450**

TREASURER'S CASH BALANCE DEC. 31, 2011 **(\$45,596)**

REPORT OF GALLONS SOLD, PURCHASED & ON HAND

#100 AV GAS

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Physical Inventory Jan 1.	4520	2187	2837	765	711	2320	2619	4320.6	2502.1	628	1437	4124	9435	2741	6423	6766	2340	1163
Gallons Sold	12309	9376	11465	10472	13454	9701	7798.6	6318.5	6282.8	9163.5	7438.2	6834.9	6533.1	12404	7550.1	4408	7629	8423
Gallons Transferred Out	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gallons Purchased	10075	10000	9500	10000	15000	10000	9500	4500	5000	10000	9995	12075	0	16257	8002	0	6000	12000
Book Inventory Dec 31	2286	2811	869	293	2257	2619	4320.6	2502.1	1219.3	1464.5	3993.8	9364.1	2901.9	6594	6874.9	2358	1011	4740
Physical Inventory Dec 31	2187	2834	765	711	2320	-	4033	1696	628	1437	4124	9435	2741	6423	6766	2340	1163	4538
Long (Gallons)		20		418	63						130.2	70.9						152
Short (Gallons)	99		104			* 435.3	287.5	806.1	591.3	27.5			160.9	171	108.9	18		202

* Pump 1 was broken in the month of September

(1) Transferred to Str. Dept. Tanks

(2) Unable to reconcile due to tank leakage

**CITY OF WINDOM
POOL OPERATING FUND
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
YEAR END DECEMBER 31 , 2011**

TREASURER'S CASH BALANCE JAN. 1, 2011 **\$29,383**

RECEIPTS:

Property Taxes	\$60,600
Admissions	\$20,047
Instructions	\$10,018
Concessions	\$4,446
Remick Slide Grant	\$11,000
Misc.	\$2,707
Splash Bash	<u>\$2,454</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS **\$111,272**

DISBURSEMENTS:

Personnel Services	\$42,933
Supplies & Services	\$30,067
Misc.	\$2,405
Capital Outlay	\$31,000
Concessions	\$3,067
Splash Bash	<u>\$1,494</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS **\$110,966**

TREASURER'S CASH BALANCE DEC. 31, 2011 **\$29,689**

CITY OF WINDOM

ATTENDANCE STATS SWIMMING POOL

	1991	1992	1993*	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Admissions	15,535	11,157	8,383	12,913	18,304	14,325	12,931	13,160	12,707	13,463	12,388	11,404	14,359	10,657	12,286	15,343	13,651	14,351	10,031	11,681	11,430
Individual	68	56	31	59	74	51	47	64	54	69	59	60	51	35	34	46	49	38	36	32	32
Family Memberships	177	172	118	193	198	224	220	202	205	208	183	184	155	135	125	142	141	140	134	117	119
Budget Pass											15	7	10	10	19	9	16	19	0	27	48
Wading Pool														1	3	0	0	2	0	2	0
Beach			2,028																		
Pool Rentals											3	4	5	2	3	3	5	3	3	2	1

* Pool open 45 days

SWIMMING LESSON STATS

	1 on 1	GUARD	MOMMY	BASIC 1	BASIC 2	BASIC 3	BASIC 4	BASIC 5	BASIC 6	ADAPTIVE	TOTAL PARTICIPATION
	START	START	& ME	4 & 5 YR							
2001	5	13	3	50	77	62	58	58	75		401
2002	7	4	5	50	74	78	41	41	59	3	378
2003	6	14	13	56	64	91	58	36	48	2	368
2004	0	4	9	56	84	94	48	30	34	3	362
2005	0	8	8	54	77	64	73	32	34	1	351
2006	0	3	10	57	88	84	56	42	19	1	360
2007	0	0	18	71	81	62	61	30	25	4	352
2008	0	8	18	50	77	66	53	30	20	6	328
2009	2	0	11	54	78	63	62	30	20	0	320
2010	5	0	0	64	75	70	46	25	20		311
2011											305

2010 information unavailable

Pool Opened June 6th

Windom Pool – June 2011

Daily Attendance
Adults: 537
Children: 2997
Lap Swim & Aerobics: 59
3593

Girl Scout Swim Team: 40
Pool Party: 0
Family Nights: 423
Swim Lessons Session I: 94
ECFE Free Family Swim
Only 1 hr due to lack of attendance

Early Closing:
Due to weather
Closed all day & night: 8
Closed all evening: 3

Lack of swimmers: 6

Windom Pool – July 2011

Daily Attendance
Adults: 1312
Children: 4109
Lap Swim & Aerobics: 187
6290

Girl Scout Swim Team: 40
Girl Scout Swim Meet: 63
Pool Party: 0
Family Nights: 1215
Swim Lessons Session II: 123
Swim Lessons Session III: 88
Swim Lessons Session IPAP: 22
Splash Bash - 266
ECFE Free Family Swim : 1

Early Closing:
Due to weather
Closed all day & night: 1
Closed all evening: 1

Lack of swimmers: 6

Windom Pool – August 2011

Daily Attendance
Adults: 320
Children: 1195
Lap Swim & Aerobics: 106
2050

Cross Country: 20
Pool Party: 2 - 91
Family Nights: 413
ECFE Free Family Swim: 1
2 Girl Scout Swim Meet: 90 partici

Early Closing:
Due to weather
Closed all day & night: 0
Closed all evening: 0

Lack of swimmers : 9

**CITY OF WINDOM
AMBULANCE FUND
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
YEAR END DECEMBER 31 , 2011**

TREASURER'S CASH BALANCE JAN. 1, 2011 **\$874,280**

RECEIPTS:

User Charges	\$452,324
Contracts	\$5,442
Misc.	<u>\$6,937</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS **\$464,703**

DISBURSEMENTS:

Personnel Services	\$152,864
Supplies & Services	\$96,730
Capital Outlay	\$73,905
Misc.	<u>\$8,011</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS **\$331,510**

TREASURER'S CASH BALANCE DEC. 31, 2011 **\$1,007,473**

CITY OF WINDOM AMBULANCE STATS

* Ambulance Squad
16 Members - All are licensed EMTs, Certified Advanced Airway Management and Certified Automatic External Defibrillation.

Year	Numbers of Calls	Miles Unit 27	Miles Unit 28	Miles Unit 29	Number of Transfers
1995	408		25,395	6,109	
1996	471	2,055	14,677	12,453	
1997	427	1,313	782	22,382	
1998	444	1,911	516	22,813	
1999	476	3,247	1,755	26,153	
2000	417	2,639	278	21,187	
2001	424	22,180	661	5,214	162
2002	496	31,127	166	3,790	200
2003	490	27,739	616	3,290	168
2004	425	11,309	1031	14,196	135
2005	461	4,337	365	23,084	159
2006	528	7,456	267	34,021	211
2007	563	11,242	639	28,416	209
2008	623	34,877	479	10,450	234
2009	538	36,606	600	7,874	251
2010	643	38,711	429	7,970	238
2011	627	14,541	170	33,871	240

**CITY OF WINDOM
COMMUNITY CENTER FUND
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
YEAR END DECEMBER 31 , 2011**

TREASURER'S CASH BALANCE JAN. 1, 2011 **(\$110,760)**

RECEIPTS:

Property Tax	\$210,810
Rental Fees	\$47,397
Liquor Sales	\$29,850
Vending Machine	\$32
Set up Fees	\$7,200
Contributions	\$0
Equipment	\$15,019
Misc.	<u>\$5,755</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS **\$316,063**

DISBURSEMENTS:

Personnel Services	\$157,137
Capital Outlay	\$6,822
Supplies & Services	\$68,113
Bar Supplies	\$8,726
Misc.	<u>\$2,960</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS **\$243,758**

TREASURER'S CASH BALANCE DEC. 31, 2011 **(\$38,455)**

Windom Community Center

Meetings/Activities/Events

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Totals
Sporting Events	195	176	25	31	40	36	52	52	33	37	32	31	740
Meetings	88	68	69	66	52	53	59	70	68	61	93	88	835
Church Related Activities	32	31	15	4	3	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	88
Christmas Parties	7	7	3	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	3	31
Wedding Receptions & Dances	7	14	16	13	13	10	21	16	18	11	16	14	169
Birthday/Retirement/Anniversaries/Open Houses/Reunions/Bridal Showers	6	7	8	17	9	8	3	3	7	10	4	9	91
Banquets/Luncheons/Breakfasts	19	9	10	19	26	13	8	7	7	7	9	10	144
Graduation Receptions	3	7	4	7	3	1	2	2	6	1	5	3	44
Classes/Registrations	30	11	12	13	20	38	5	11	13	8	0	3	164
Sales	5	2	4	1	5	3	3	5	5	3	2	2	40
Dances/Shows	7	16	8	17	13	6	4	8	6	5	3	4	97
Community Service Events	1	8	7	14	16	13	27	10	13	22	8	6	145
Senior Activities	98	73	119	22	21	43	520	520	520	520	520	576	3552
													0
													0
													0
Senior Dining Program:													
Congregate Meals	3894	7273	3462	5456	4678	4070	7155	6328	6191	6032	6317	7706	68562
Home Delivered Meals	5485	8275	3931	6559	8424	8527	9457	14308	14451	11981	13033	11457	115888
Mt. Lake Congregate Meals									2846	2722	3145	3286	11989
Mt. Lake Home Deliver Meals									4406	4327	4250	5520	18503

**CITY OF WINDOM
ARENA FUND
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
YEAR END DECEMBER 31 , 2011**

TREASURER'S CASH BALANCE JAN. 1, 2011 **\$46,973**

RECEIPTS:

Property Tax	\$186,835
Livestock Shows	\$21,515
Ice Income	\$74,403
County Fair Assoc.	\$5,500
Rentals-Building, Sign, Storage	\$11,230
Health Spa	\$0
Concessions	\$4,412
Wallyball	\$3,073
Transfer from General Fund	\$0
Misc.	<u>\$8,973</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS **\$315,941**

DISBURSEMENTS:

Personnel Services	\$153,015
Capital Outlay	\$8,000
Misc. Payable	\$2,280
Misc.	\$1,457
Supplies & Services	<u>\$132,585</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS **\$297,337**

TREASURER'S CASH BALANCE DEC. 31, 2011 **\$65,577**

CITY OF WINDOM RECREATION PROGRAMS

	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Midgets/Pony League	53	48	46	39	39	41	32	18	27	28	28	25	21	35	24	24	20	21	20
Tyke T-Ball																			
T-Ball	100	121	108	96	92	67	78	78	86	99	106	128	80	79	78	76	80	102	88
Softball K-3										22	28	16	18	13	15	12	0	0	0
Softball 4-6										15	19	31	14	9	7	5	0	0	0
Underhand/Overhand	91	118	102	79	109	108	88	107	88	86	101	99	106	78	74	73	73	80	0
Friday Night Baseball																			
Girls Softball	63	72	76	64	69	60	46	45	48					39	38	38	36	39	39
12 & Under Fastpitch/ New program																28	17	15	0
Fastpitch Jr High/ 14 & Under									12	20	18	18	13	15	12				0
Fastpitch Sr High/18 & Under									12	16	16	14	16	10	15	13	0	0	0
Flag Football	64	70	65	56	68	59	88	84	67	96	92	76	61	71	60	63	59	60	41
2nd & 3rd Grader														19	23	23	16	18	41
4th - 6th Grader														41	40	40	43	42	0
Kindergarten T-Ball	27	27	27	28	21	22	28	23	32	27	24	24	26	44	28	27	34	47	44
Fundamentals									110										
Hershey's Track	19	24	24	23	28	25	28	33	42	37	25	17	17	21	21	11	11	17	15
Fall Soccer (K-3)	28	21	21	23	20	26	32	41	32	24	25	23	19	26	32	23	26	25	29
Spring Soccer K-2	45	43	43	44	56	52	36	58	31	41	22 no season								
Spring Soccer 3-6	50	47	47	43	38	43	28	24	12	24	19 no season								
Youth Sand Volleyball									21 no season										
Adult Sand Volleyball																			
Participants	5 teams	9 teams	11 teams	12 teams	12 teams	12 teams	12 teams	14 teams	16 teams	19 teams	19 teams	18 teams	17 teams	18 teams	16 teams	13 teams	15 teams	14 teams	13 teams
Twins Trip-July									108	144	144	144	136	144	128	104	120	112	104
									141		32	36	36	73	39	27	44	100	88

**CITY OF WINDOM
LIQUOR FUND
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
YEAR END DECEMBER 31 , 2011**

TREASURER'S CASH BALANCE JAN. 1, 2011 **\$395,060**

RECEIPTS:

Liquor Sales	\$466,158
Beer Sales	\$818,870
Wine Sales	\$154,547
Tobacco Sales	\$8,504
Other Sales	\$31,022
Misc.	\$2,393

TOTAL RECEIPTS **\$1,481,494**

DISBURSEMENTS:

Liquor Purchases	\$327,341
Beer Purchases	\$595,899
Wine Purchases	\$91,326
Other Merchandise Purchases	\$20,676
Personnel Services	\$235,306
Supplies & Services	\$72,810
Misc.	\$4,256
Contributed to General Fund	\$70,000
Capital Outlay	\$0

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS **\$1,417,614**

TREASURER'S CASH BALANCE DEC. 31, 2011 **\$458,940**

**CITY OF WINDOM
WATER FUND
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
YEAR END DECEMBER 31 , 2011**

TREASURER'S CASH BALANCE JAN. 1, 2011 **\$475,409**

RECEIPTS:

Water Sold	\$1,048,634
Connection Fee	\$395
Sale of Merchandise & Services	\$451
Landfill Revenue	\$12,552
Property Taxes	\$0
Special Assessments	\$13,368
State Safe Water Surcharge	\$11,736
Interfund Transfers	\$0
Misc.	<u>\$4,118</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS **\$ 1,091,254**

DISBURSEMENTS:

Personnel Services	\$205,364
Supplies & Services	\$204,116
Interest Expense	\$55,511
Capital Expenditures	\$15,164
State Safe Water Surcharge	\$9,605
Misc.	\$5,293
Landfill Expenses	\$17,864
Debt Service	<u>\$367,058</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS **\$879,976**

TREASURER'S CASH BALANCE DEC. 31, 2011 **\$686,687**

WELL #3	38,386,900	GALS
WELL # 4	32,901,900	GALS
WELL # 5	14,470,000	GALS
WELL # 6	23,039,400	GALS
WELL # 7	211,913	GALS
WELL # 8	59,586,400	GALS
WELL # 9	12,647,800	GALS
WELL #10	67,561,700	GALS
TOTALS	248,806,013	

53590	KWH
33982	KWH
22600	KWH
29636	KWH
6042	KWH
	3288
131,520	
TOTAL	277,370 KWH

RAW WATER	239,313,316
TREATED WATER	234,625,000

Backwash water meter	23,631,000
ReClaim water meter	18,452,000
Inplant useage	360,000
Wastewater	5,179,000

WATER TO SANITARY SEWER

KWH USED AT FILTER PLANT	2464	295,680
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CHLORINE LBS USED	5,759
HYDROFLUOSILICIC ACID GALS	854
POTASSIUM PERMAGANATE LBS	3,466
CA-LPC-4 Inhibitor	931

ESTIMATED GALLONS WATER USED FOR

FLUSHING WATER MAINS	2,859,410	
PLANT WATER USED	360,000	
FLUSHING SEWER MAINS	116,500	
FIRE DEPT	109,000	
STREET DEPT. CLEANING	28,230	
	TOTAL	3,473,140

TOTAL GALLONS WATER TO DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM	TOTAL	231,151,860
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Average gals.pumped from wells per day	681,660
Average gals.pumped to Distribution per day	633,293
Peak gals.pumped in one day	1,290,000
Day of month pumped Peak	Aug 9th
Day of Week	Thursday

Windom Booster
Pumping Station

acct no# 5840			acct no# 5836		Total of Bingham Lake and Ethanol 2000	CITY OF WINDOM		New Meters 7/10/2008
BINGHAM LAKE			ETHANOL 2000			Gallons	Reading	
	Gallons	Reading	Gallons	Reading				
	READING	USED	READING	USED	Total	READING	USED	
LAST								
DEC	19,437,000	340,000	132,747,000	0	340,000	141,560,000	363,000	23,000
NOV	19,097,000	336,000	132,747,000	0	336,000	141,197,000	360,000	24,000
OCT	18,761,000	344,000	132,747,000	0	344,000	140,837,000	392,000	48,000
SEPT	18,417,000	487,000	132,747,000	0	487,000	140,445,000	545,000	58,000
AUG	17,930,000	682,000	132,747,000	0	682,000	139,900,000	768,000	86,000
JULY	17,248,000	794,000	132,747,000	0	794,000	139,132,000	823,000	29,000
JUNE	16,454,000	854,000	132,747,000	0	854,000	138,309,000	903,000	49,000
MAY	15,600,000	550,000	132,747,000	29,000	579,000	137,406,000	610,000	31,000
APRIL	15,050,000	415,000	132,718,000	0	415,000	136,796,000	468,000	53,000
MAR	14,635,000	446,000	132,718,000	0	446,000	136,328,000	531,000	85,000
FEB	14,189,000	353,000	132,718,000	0	353,000	135,797,000	669,000	316,000
JAN	13,836,000	375,000	132,718,000	0	375,000	135,128,000	482,000	107,000
TOTAL	13,461,000	5,976,000	132,718,000	29,000	6,005,000	134,646,000	6,914,000	

acct no# 5746			acct no# 5746		acct no# 5746		Total of Meter 1,2 & 3	Booster Pumps 1&2 Hour Meters
RED ROCK WATER			RED ROCK WATER		RED ROCK WATER			
meter # 1	Gallons	Reading	meter # 2	Gallons	Reading	meter # 3 South Booster		
	READING	USED	READING	USED	READING	USED	Total	Total Hrs
LAST								
DEC	74,455,600	0	5,300	0	55,341,900	0	0	0
NOV	74,455,600	10,000	5,300	0	55,341,900	0	10,000	0
OCT	74,445,600	1,607,600	5,300	200	55,341,900	0	1,607,800	0
SEPT	72,838,000	8,364,000	5,100	0	55,341,900	0	8,364,000	0
AUG	64,474,000	8,231,000	5,100	0	55,341,900	0	8,231,000	0
JULY	56,243,000	529,900	5,100	0	55,341,900	0	529,900	0
JUNE	55,713,100	361,200	5,100	0	55,341,900	0	361,200	0
MAY	55,351,900	3,790,000	5,100	0	55,341,900	0	3,790,000	0
APRIL	51,561,900	0	5,100	0	55,341,900	0	0	0
MAR	51,561,900	0	5,100	0	55,341,900	0	0	0
FEB	51,561,900	0	5,100	0	55,341,900	0	0	0
JAN	51,561,900	0	5,100	0	55,341,900	0	0	0
TOTAL	51,561,900	22,893,700	5,100	200	55,341,900	0	22,893,900	0

WINDOM WELLS

YEAR	WELL 2	WELL 3	WELL 3A	WELL 4	WELL 5	WELL 6	WELL 7	WELL 8	WELL 9	WELL 10	TOTAL	Ethanol	Red Rock
1986	3,349,300	33,439,000		30,605,000	54,515,400						121,908,700		
1987	8,466,890	29,810,000		30,072,000	66,033,300						134,382,190		
1988	9,797,900	32,441,500		30,429,000	71,770,700						144,439,100		
1989	9,271,130	38,205,000		39,556,000	52,506,100	890,900					140,419,130		
1970	17,555,900	25,122,100		29,038,000	51,457,900	28,935,500					152,109,400		
1971	4,857,100	33,766,900		28,250,300	43,075,300	41,739,900					151,689,500		
1972	20,203,720		4,314,400	51,027,500	48,436,700	41,117,300					165,099,620		
1973	13,865,200		42,869,000	42,172,800	22,668,600	36,316,800					157,892,400		
1974	20,668,300		32,889,900	33,706,700	33,442,500	37,279,100					157,986,500		
1975	28,950,300		37,185,400	21,620,900	36,201,200	42,821,000					166,778,900		
1976	9,130,600		50,983,400	29,073,300	51,718,000	46,863,100					187,768,400		
1977			35,447,000	40,753,800	43,147,900	46,150,200					165,498,900		
1978			40,325,400	41,000,800	47,521,100	55,376,200	132,900				184,356,400		
1979			26,752,800	19,738,500	21,898,000	25,482,900	76,058,700				169,930,900		
1980			8,944,700	36,629,700	26,844,700	16,407,400	98,681,200				187,507,700		
1981				54,706,800	26,968,200	16,100,800	70,890,200				168,666,000		
1982			3,059,100	57,650,700	26,898,100	28,194,400	58,818,600				174,620,900		
1983			20,011,500	40,233,700	28,002,800	28,255,600	68,535,200				185,038,800		
1984			27,925,800	28,367,700	34,013,100	19,857,000	65,470,900				175,634,500		
1985			22,821,100	35,818,000	27,798,800	28,346,600	64,006,000				176,790,500		
1986			25,399,600	34,837,000	29,365,300	31,620,700	57,034,400				178,257,000		
1987			35,147,500	42,749,300	36,228,100	36,100,700	52,168,000				202,393,600		
1988			43,194,500	44,483,500	44,039,800	35,594,800	49,290,400				216,603,000		
1989			53,144,700	47,386,100	48,595,300	41,303,300	16,545,800				206,975,200		
1990			44,133,800	50,053,700	51,771,700	40,024,900	342,500				186,326,600		
1991			29,230,700	42,856,200	39,027,300	38,909,500		31,019,500			181,043,300		
1992			31,975,600	56,504,000	41,022,100	44,057,900		21,053,700			194,613,300		
1993			37,049,700	33,851,100	28,845,900	42,109,300		59,378,500			201,234,500		
1994			33,015,000	38,865,800	35,390,800	34,364,900		72,545,300			214,181,800		
1995			35,401,700	34,687,300	35,203,300	34,059,800		76,382,200			215,734,300		
1996			30,657,200	34,169,300	32,842,900	33,785,800		80,588,100			212,043,300		
1997			31,880,800	45,545,200	37,982,900	54,280,000		83,778,900			253,467,800	29011300	
1998			40,859,500	38,010,000	33,132,700	39,241,100		69,255,800	11,747,800	46,734,200	278,981,100	59,364,000	16,384,400
1999			22,669,300	23,410,900	16,727,100	34,423,900		65,201,000	21,334,900	118,833,400	302,600,500	62,471,600	34,750,000
2000			33,771,300	29,504,500	27,534,800	39,926,800		65,518,900	25,665,200	119,149,600	341,071,100	92,612,300	36,434,000
2001			37,476,200	38,952,200	31,308,000	41,413,400		83,414,500	27,679,400	126,164,100	386,407,800	125,170,000	40,235,100
2002			41,001,200	37,314,300	32,870,800	41,931,700	5,224,500	67,983,000	29,871,300	151,249,800	407,446,600	128,723,000	59,911,200
2003			41,019,100	30,138,600	29,689,000	43,576,700	14,073,800	89,343,200	26,107,300	138,447,600	412,394,300	111,233,000	45,449,000
2004			47,521,200	36,077,100	26,386,900	37,540,100	19,238,700	54,845,400	17,065,700	168,636,000	405,167,400	133,969,800	58,978,474
2005			49,208,000	38,261,100	21,561,800	53,825,900	17,295,000	79,406,300	16,171,000	137,306,400	414,979,200	146,348,400	74,327,952
2006			49,381,000	39,134,100	28,422,600	40,966,800	8,868,110	91,511,300	21,831,800	134,077,100	414,191,810	153,607,600	66,607,400
2007			43,530,900	42,011,700	19,052,000	51,233,600	188,966	92,283,400	16,294,500	129,881,700	394,456,766	143,362,000	56,000,300
2008			42,887,900	42,510,900	22,108,900	35,456,700	19,019,568	81,220,600	18,332,400	98,553,900	360,090,868	130,296,000	33,091,600
2009			39,055,700	36,575,100	16,796,600	24,440,400	1,095,932	62,911,400	14,245,000	84,944,000	280,064,132	65,757,000	7,923,000
2010			32,861,600	30,154,400	13,520,600	23,170,400	570,918	56,166,100	11,271,100	64,245,200	231,959,318	823,000	4,670,790
2011			38,386,900	32,901,900	14,470,000	23,039,400	211,913	59,586,400	12,947,800	67,561,700	248,806,013	991,000	22,903,900

**CITY OF WINDOM
ELECTRIC FUND
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
YEAR END DECEMBER 31 , 2011**

TREASURER'S CASH BALANCE JAN. 1, 2011 **\$4,153,457**

RECEIPTS:

Collections, Electricity Sold	\$5,575,860
Other Services Sold	\$115,815
Interest on Investments	\$8,957
Penalties Collected	\$88,475
Misc.	\$104,307
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TOTAL RECEIPTS **\$5,893,415**

DISBURSEMENTS:

Bulk Power Purchased for Resale	\$3,586,322
Personnel Services	\$529,772
Supplies & Services	\$346,474
Contributed to General Fund	\$175,000
Capital Outlay	\$306,899
EDA Loan	
Energy Conservation	\$127,912
Debt Service	\$0
Misc.	\$6,471
Energy Development	\$227,080
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS **\$5,305,930**

TREASURER'S CASH BALANCE DEC. 31, 2011 **\$4,740,942**

2011

YEAR AND HISTORY

ELECTRICAL PURCHASING

AND

SALES DATA

SALES YEAR	TOTAL		TOTAL		TOTAL		RES.		RES.		RES.		% OF	
	SALES	RES.	SALES	RES.	SALES	RES.	SALES	RES.	SALES	RES.	SALES	RES.	SALES	RES.
	KWHS SOLD	DOLLARS	INCOME PER KWH	RES. KWHS SOLD	SALES DOLLARS	INCOME PER KWH	RES. DOLLARS	RES. INCOME PER KWH	SALES DOLLARS	RES. INCOME PER KWH	SALES KWHS	RES. INCOME PER KWH	% OF SALES KWHS	% OF SALES DOLLARS
1984	36,168,496	\$1,182,516	\$0.0327											
1985	35,824,925	\$1,123,516	\$0.0314	15,070,616	\$494,305	\$0.0328	\$494,305	\$0.0328	\$494,305	\$0.0328	42.07%	\$0.0328	44.00%	44.00%
1986	37,596,147	\$1,282,660	\$0.0341	16,099,207	\$572,467	\$0.0356	\$572,467	\$0.0356	\$572,467	\$0.0356	42.82%	\$0.0356	44.63%	44.63%
1987	41,986,290	\$1,451,054	\$0.0346	15,853,979	\$566,475	\$0.0357	\$566,475	\$0.0357	\$566,475	\$0.0357	37.76%	\$0.0357	39.04%	39.04%
1988	43,484,280	\$1,496,276	\$0.0344	17,072,410	\$620,593	\$0.0364	\$620,593	\$0.0364	\$620,593	\$0.0364	39.26%	\$0.0364	41.48%	41.48%
1989	42,962,081	\$1,610,859	\$0.0375	16,235,686	\$628,560	\$0.0387	\$628,560	\$0.0387	\$628,560	\$0.0387	37.79%	\$0.0387	39.02%	39.02%
1990	43,965,080	\$1,628,955	\$0.0371	16,135,902	\$636,665	\$0.0395	\$636,665	\$0.0395	\$636,665	\$0.0395	36.70%	\$0.0395	39.08%	39.08%
1991	45,001,172	\$1,618,605	\$0.0360	16,882,752	\$706,118	\$0.0418	\$706,118	\$0.0418	\$706,118	\$0.0418	37.52%	\$0.0418	43.63%	43.63%
1992	44,816,341	\$1,854,468	\$0.0414	15,590,786	\$669,289	\$0.0429	\$669,289	\$0.0429	\$669,289	\$0.0429	34.79%	\$0.0429	36.09%	36.09%
1993	49,890,732	\$1,998,262	\$0.0401	16,696,740	\$699,732	\$0.0419	\$699,732	\$0.0419	\$699,732	\$0.0419	33.47%	\$0.0419	35.02%	35.02%
1994	52,065,706	\$2,036,771	\$0.0391	16,964,110	\$745,044	\$0.0439	\$745,044	\$0.0439	\$745,044	\$0.0439	32.58%	\$0.0439	36.58%	36.58%
1995	53,508,359	\$2,242,882	\$0.0419	18,598,893	\$754,889	\$0.0406	\$754,889	\$0.0406	\$754,889	\$0.0406	34.76%	\$0.0406	33.66%	33.66%
1996	54,122,683	\$2,370,502	\$0.0438	18,195,510	\$814,228	\$0.0447	\$814,228	\$0.0447	\$814,228	\$0.0447	33.62%	\$0.0447	34.35%	34.35%
1997	56,567,595	\$2,438,314	\$0.0431	18,632,402	\$820,183	\$0.0440	\$820,183	\$0.0440	\$820,183	\$0.0440	32.94%	\$0.0440	33.64%	33.64%
1998	57,026,106	\$2,480,997	\$0.0435	18,325,802	\$821,943	\$0.0449	\$821,943	\$0.0449	\$821,943	\$0.0449	32.14%	\$0.0449	33.13%	33.13%
1999	58,057,624	\$2,634,667	\$0.0454	18,315,226	\$870,329	\$0.0475	\$870,329	\$0.0475	\$870,329	\$0.0475	31.55%	\$0.0475	33.03%	33.03%
SALES YEAR	TOTAL KWHS SOLD	TOTAL SALES DOLLARS	TOTAL INCOME PER KWH	RES. KWHS SOLD	RES. SALES DOLLARS	RES. INCOME PER KWH	RES. SALES DOLLARS	RES. INCOME PER KWH	RES. SALES DOLLARS	RES. INCOME PER KWH	% OF SALES KWHS	% OF SALES DOLLARS	% OF SALES KWHS	% OF SALES DOLLARS
2000	59,397,030	\$2,650,750	\$0.0446	19,220,120	\$868,312	\$0.0452	\$868,312	\$0.0452	\$868,312	\$0.0452	32.36%	\$0.0452	32.76%	32.76%
2001	61,085,756	\$3,020,759	\$0.0495	20,027,680	\$1,017,231	\$0.0508	\$1,017,231	\$0.0508	\$1,017,231	\$0.0508	32.79%	\$0.0508	33.67%	33.67%
2002	64,520,267	\$3,055,065	\$0.0474	20,613,958	\$998,292	\$0.0484	\$998,292	\$0.0484	\$998,292	\$0.0484	31.95%	\$0.0484	32.68%	32.68%
2003	69,078,061	\$3,670,359	\$0.0531	20,044,786	\$1,096,636	\$0.0547	\$1,096,636	\$0.0547	\$1,096,636	\$0.0547	29.02%	\$0.0547	29.88%	29.88%
2004	67,611,019	\$3,937,806	\$0.0582	19,136,008	\$1,153,280	\$0.0603	\$1,153,280	\$0.0603	\$1,153,280	\$0.0603	28.30%	\$0.0603	29.29%	29.29%
2005	71,957,930	\$4,872,948	\$0.0677	20,806,407	\$1,470,278	\$0.0707	\$1,470,278	\$0.0707	\$1,470,278	\$0.0707	28.91%	\$0.0707	30.17%	30.17%
2006	67,086,075	\$5,095,378	\$0.0760	19,959,297	\$1,557,527	\$0.0780	\$1,557,527	\$0.0780	\$1,557,527	\$0.0780	29.75%	\$0.0780	30.57%	30.57%
2007	71,208,467	\$5,407,659	\$0.0759	21,100,018	\$1,643,573	\$0.0779	\$1,643,573	\$0.0779	\$1,643,573	\$0.0779	29.63%	\$0.0779	30.39%	30.39%
2008	68,165,960	\$5,126,022	\$0.0752	19,578,539	\$1,523,474	\$0.0778	\$1,523,474	\$0.0778	\$1,523,474	\$0.0778	28.72%	\$0.0778	29.72%	29.72%
2009	68,053,166	\$5,247,893	\$0.0771	19,661,308	\$1,567,958	\$0.0797	\$1,567,958	\$0.0797	\$1,567,958	\$0.0797	28.89%	\$0.0797	29.88%	29.88%
2010	69,735,125	\$5,912,429	\$0.0848	20,145,217	\$1,747,789	\$0.0868	\$1,747,789	\$0.0868	\$1,747,789	\$0.0868	28.89%	\$0.0868	29.56%	29.56%
2011	69,319,978	\$5,495,775	\$0.0793	19,985,596	\$1,635,539	\$0.0818	\$1,635,539	\$0.0818	\$1,635,539	\$0.0818	28.83%	\$0.0818	29.76%	29.76%

GS COM. KWH SOLD	GS COM. SALES DOLLARS	GS COM. INCOME PER KWH	% OF SALES KWHS	% OF SALES DOLLARS	GS MUNI. KWHS SOLD	GS MUNI. SALES DOLLARS	GS MUNI. INCOME PER KWH	% OF SALES KWHS	% OF SALES DOLLARS
10,959,642	\$425,209	\$0.0388	30.59%	37.85%	3,521,387	\$80,333	\$0.0228	9.83%	7.15%
8,655,433	\$337,128	\$0.0389	23.02%	26.28%	3,631,737	\$95,989	\$0.0264	9.66%	7.48%
7,390,057	\$310,785	\$0.0421	17.60%	21.42%	3,323,072	\$88,406	\$0.0266	7.91%	6.09%
9,283,739	\$359,292	\$0.0387	21.35%	24.01%	3,290,792	\$47,529	\$0.0144	7.57%	3.18%
7,735,604	\$335,263	\$0.0433	18.01%	20.81%	3,370,769	\$101,915	\$0.0302	7.85%	6.33%
7,961,837	\$352,574	\$0.0443	18.11%	21.64%	3,637,850	\$108,368	\$0.0298	8.27%	6.65%
8,178,416	\$380,997	\$0.0466	18.17%	23.54%	3,519,726	\$116,631	\$0.0331	7.82%	7.21%
8,217,644	\$383,231	\$0.0466	18.34%	20.67%	4,011,944	\$130,382	\$0.0325	8.95%	7.03%
8,344,754	\$384,512	\$0.0461	16.73%	19.24%	4,282,852	\$136,591	\$0.0319	8.58%	6.84%
7,814,623	\$383,895	\$0.0491	15.01%	18.85%	4,150,620	\$147,789	\$0.0356	7.97%	7.26%
10,137,292	\$465,464	\$0.0459	18.95%	20.75%	4,447,153	\$160,753	\$0.0361	8.31%	7.17%
8,988,250	\$435,270	\$0.0484	16.61%	18.36%	5,024,070	\$185,506	\$0.0369	9.28%	7.83%
9,094,419	\$455,373	\$0.0501	16.08%	18.68%	5,129,230	\$189,248	\$0.0369	9.07%	7.76%
9,430,202	\$450,245	\$0.0477	16.54%	18.15%	5,346,721	\$197,086	\$0.0369	9.38%	7.94%
10,235,759	\$496,288	\$0.0485	17.63%	18.84%	4,778,968	\$187,668	\$0.0393	8.23%	7.12%
GS COM. KWH SOLD	GS COM. SALES DOLLARS	GS COM. INCOME PER KWH	% OF SALES KWHS	% OF SALES DOLLARS	GS MUNI. KWHS SOLD	GS MUNI. SALES DOLLARS	GS MUNI. INCOME PER KWH	% OF SALES KWHS	% OF SALES DOLLARS
10,177,709	\$498,173	\$0.0489	17.14%	18.79%	5,140,110	\$206,625	\$0.0402	8.65%	7.79%
9,928,350	\$523,997	\$0.0528	16.25%	17.35%	5,383,020	\$245,496	\$0.0456	8.81%	8.13%
10,832,024	\$561,945	\$0.0519	16.79%	18.39%	5,744,116	\$248,866	\$0.0433	8.90%	8.15%
10,520,962	\$608,481	\$0.0578	15.23%	16.58%	6,140,792	\$306,248	\$0.0499	8.89%	8.34%
10,749,060	\$667,727	\$0.0621	15.90%	16.96%	5,720,389	\$321,048	\$0.0561	8.46%	8.15%
10,312,333	\$787,721	\$0.0764	14.33%	16.17%	5,294,871	\$331,303	\$0.0626	7.36%	6.80%
10,736,812	\$863,400	\$0.0804	16.00%	16.94%	4,605,629	\$319,898	\$0.0695	6.87%	6.28%
10,004,674	\$837,059	\$0.0837	14.05%	15.48%	6,107,661	\$430,529	\$0.0705	8.58%	7.96%
9,374,494	\$786,509	\$0.0839	13.75%	15.34%	6,363,225	\$434,938	\$0.0684	9.33%	8.48%
8,836,480	\$769,008	\$0.0870	12.98%	14.65%	6,258,263	\$437,626	\$0.0699	9.20%	8.34%
9,183,580	\$863,821	\$0.0941	13.17%	14.61%	6,339,007	\$497,982	\$0.0786	9.09%	8.42%
9,222,391	\$817,350	\$0.0886	13.30%	14.87%	6,830,218	\$502,547	\$0.0736	9.85%	9.14%

INDUST. W/DE KWHS SOLD	INDUST. W/DE SALES DOLLARS		INDUST. W/DE INCOME PER KWH	% of SALES KWHS	% OF SALES DOLLARS	POWER PLANT KWH USAGE		RENTAL SEC. LIGHT KWH USAGE		TOTAL KWHS SOLD OR USED	
6,273,640	\$160,533		\$0.0256	17.51%	14.29%	88,300		81,069		36,337,865	
9,209,770	\$279,049		\$0.0303	24.50%	21.76%	77,700		83,534		35,986,159	
15,419,192	\$485,385		\$0.0315	36.72%	33.45%	58,800		88,944		37,743,891	
13,837,339	\$468,862		\$0.0339	31.82%	31.34%	68,100		85,830		42,140,220	
15,850,755	\$544,283		\$0.0343	36.89%	33.79%	68,000		90,611		43,628,694	
16,343,488	\$542,901		\$0.0332	37.17%	33.33%	70,100		90,000		44,125,180	
16,421,108	\$617,145		\$0.0376	36.49%	38.13%	71,900		90,230		45,163,302	
16,995,967	\$671,566		\$0.0395	37.92%	36.21%	71,200		108,930		44,996,471	
20,748,986	\$777,426		\$0.0375	41.59%	38.91%	80,400		102,200		50,073,332	
23,136,353	\$689,064		\$0.0298	44.44%	33.83%	90,080		100,110		52,255,896	
20,325,021	\$861,774		\$0.0424	37.98%	38.42%	152,800		111,020		53,772,179	
21,914,853	\$935,497		\$0.0427	40.49%	39.46%	157,500		97,820		54,378,003	
23,711,544	\$973,510		\$0.0411	41.92%	39.93%	168,100		58,300		56,793,995	
23,923,381	\$1,011,722		\$0.0423	41.95%	40.78%	150,600		56,180		57,232,886	
24,727,671	\$1,080,383		\$0.0437	42.59%	41.01%	145,700		52,920		58,256,244	
INDUST. W/DE KWHS SOLD	INDUST. W/DE SALES DOLLARS		INDUST. W/DE INCOME PER KWH	% of SALES KWHS	% OF SALES DOLLARS	POWER PLANT KWH USAGE		RENTAL SEC. LIGHT KWH USAGE		TOTAL KWHS SOLD OR USED	
25,052,091	\$1,077,639		\$0.0430	42.18%	40.65%	164,600		51,410		59,613,040	
25,724,021	\$1,229,087		\$0.0478	42.11%	40.69%	150,300		22,685		61,258,741	
27,269,689	\$1,241,251		\$0.0455	42.27%	40.63%	212,302		60,480		64,793,049	
32,311,896	\$1,654,031		\$0.0512	46.78%	45.06%	230,436		59,625		69,078,061	
31,938,362	\$1,789,039		\$0.0560	47.24%	45.43%	217,085		67,200		67,611,019	
35,477,119	\$2,281,284		\$0.0643	49.30%	46.82%	229,055		67,200		71,957,930	
31,721,957	\$2,347,676		\$0.0740	47.29%	46.07%	225,262		62,380		67,311,337	
33,512,273	\$2,457,619		\$0.0733	47.06%	45.45%	227,740		72,122		71,208,467	
32,389,044	\$2,343,859		\$0.0724	47.51%	45.72%	231,896		62,326		68,165,960	
32,819,487	\$2,435,314		\$0.0742	48.23%	46.41%	204,664		62,458		68,053,166	
33,640,335	\$2,761,481		\$0.0821	48.24%	46.71%	197,983		65,423		69,933,108	
33,281,773	\$2,540,340		\$0.0763	48.01%	46.22%	189,999		70,854		69,509,977	

TOTAL KWHS PURCHASED	INCOME PER KWH TOTAL PURCHASED	LOSSES PERCENT	WINTER PEAK KW	SUMMER PEAK KW	RL COUNT	CL COUNT	DE COUNT	PL COUNT	TOTAL COUNT	YEAR
38,443,700	\$0.0308	5.48%	6,916	9,598						1984
39,469,800	\$0.0285	8.83%	7,028	8,823	1,870	275	2	26	2,173	1985
42,837,301	\$0.0299	11.89%	7,477	9,656						1986
44,381,876	\$0.0327	5.05%	7,565	10,373	1,907	293	18	1	2,219	1987
46,019,457	\$0.0325	5.20%	7,918	11,383	1,907	293	18	1	2,219	1988
45,238,700	\$0.0356	4.68%	8,019	10,272	1,919	294	18	1	2,232	1989
49,911,570	\$0.0326	11.59%	8,322	10,252	1,909	294	18	1	2,232	1990
47,902,940	\$0.0338	5.72%	8,191	10,625	1,919	230	17	1	2,167	1991
47,081,860	\$0.0394	4.43%	8,494	9,070	1,919	232	17	1	2,169	1992
52,450,589	\$0.0381	4.53%	9,151	11,282	1,948	242	17	1	2,208	1993
54,730,153	\$0.0372	4.52%	9,984	11,817	1,992	253	22	1	2,268	1994
55,775,230	\$0.0402	3.59%	10,312	12,484	2,012	256	20	1	2,289	1995
56,273,000	\$0.0421	3.37%	10,312	12,433	2,015	267	24	1	2,307	1996
58,841,000	\$0.0414	3.48%	9,575	13,958	2,016	253	22	1	2,292	1997
58,753,000	\$0.0422	2.59%	10,312	12,654	2,019	264	18	1	2,302	1998
60,084,000	\$0.0438	3.04%	11,130	13,574	2,030	342	21	1	2,394	1999
TOTAL KWHS PURCHASED	INCOME PER KWH TOTAL PURCHASED	LOSSES PERCENT	WINTER PEAK KW	SUMMER PEAK KW	RL COUNT	CL COUNT	DE COUNT	PL COUNT	TOTAL COUNT	YEAR
62,979,000	\$0.0421	5.34%	11,251	12,765	2,025	329	10	1	2,365	2000
62,203,000	\$0.0486	1.52%	10,726	14,191	2,039	337	21	1	2,398	2001
66,969,000	\$0.0456	3.25%	10,544	14,928	2,055	344	24	1	2,424	2002
71,732,077	\$0.0512	3.70%	11,211	14,998	2,064	343	26	1	2,434	2003
71,371,771	\$0.0552	5.27%	11,464	15,029	2,068	329	26	1	2,424	2004
72,488,248	\$0.0672	0.73%	11,395	15,352	2,081	331	26	1	2,439	2005
72,229,128	\$0.0705	6.81%	11,888	15,621	2,082	336	20	1	2,439	2006
74,328,346	\$0.0728	4.20%	11,554	15,609	2,053	357	21	1	2,431	2007
72,292,207	\$0.0709	5.71%	11,819	14,500	2,051	360	22	1	2,434	2008
70,520,725	\$0.0744	3.50%	11,631	13,665	2,064	356	22	1	2,442	2009
73,459,509	\$0.0805	4.80%	11,502	15,483	2,055	358	21	1	2,435	2010
73,368,934	\$0.0749	5.26%	11,431	15,881	2,054	360	18	1	2,433	2011

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PURCHASES	TOTAL		TOTAL		COST PER		WAPA		% OF		IP CO.		COST PER	
	KWH'S	POWER COSTS	KWH	POWER COSTS	WAPA KWH'S	WAPA COST DOLLARS	WAPA KWH'S	WAPA COST DOLLARS	COST DOLLARS	% OF KWH'S PURCHASED	IP CO. KWH'S	IP CO. COST DOLLARS	UTL. PLUS KWH	UTL. PLUS COST DOLLARS
1984	38,443,700	\$577,445	\$0.015021	\$192,271	32,333,623	\$478,188	32,333,623	\$192,271	33.30%	84.11%	6,105,077	\$275,240		\$0.04508
1985	39,469,800	\$642,386	\$0.016275	\$258,932	33,570,295	\$467,455	33,570,295	\$258,932	40.31%	85.05%	5,983,705	\$269,316		\$0.04501
1986	42,837,301	\$738,371	\$0.017237	\$240,237	35,223,257	\$483,629	35,223,257	\$240,237	32.54%	79.43%	7,600,044	\$345,265		\$0.04543
1987	44,381,876	\$778,905	\$0.017550	\$235,090	35,276,832	\$487,702	35,276,832	\$235,090	30.18%	79.43%	9,094,044	\$390,714		\$0.04296
1988	46,019,457	\$856,291	\$0.018607	\$230,687	34,022,133	\$566,412	34,022,133	\$230,687	26.94%	73.93%	11,988,324	\$490,876		\$0.04028
1989	45,238,700	\$912,805	\$0.020178	\$235,658	33,245,543	\$655,733	33,245,543	\$235,658	25.82%	73.49%	11,984,247	\$482,707		\$0.04032
1990	44,911,570	\$957,526	\$0.021320	\$271,458	33,479,405	\$684,861	33,479,405	\$271,458	28.35%	74.55%	11,426,165	\$460,756		\$0.04094
1991	47,902,940	\$1,070,882	\$0.022355	\$338,699	36,154,154	\$738,884	36,154,154	\$338,699	31.63%	75.47%	11,623,786	\$475,883		\$0.03990
1992	47,081,860	\$1,108,550	\$0.023545	\$372,556	34,738,145	\$738,884	34,738,145	\$372,556	33.61%	73.78%	12,330,715	\$491,968		\$0.03879
1993	52,450,589	\$1,224,086	\$0.023338	\$438,334	38,183,237	\$828,997	38,183,237	\$438,334	35.81%	72.80%	14,259,352	\$553,185		\$0.03930
1994	54,730,153	\$1,419,925	\$0.025944	\$448,834	35,480,470	\$867,417	35,480,470	\$448,834	31.61%	64.83%	19,150,683	\$752,582		\$0.03814
1995	58,002,230	\$1,539,543	\$0.026543	\$488,868	36,266,860	\$940,213	36,266,860	\$488,868	31.75%	62.53%	21,735,370	\$828,997		\$0.03864
1996	57,202,320	\$1,561,193	\$0.027292	\$478,032	34,753,287	\$919,739	34,753,287	\$478,032	30.62%	60.76%	22,449,522	\$867,417		\$0.03736
1997	59,333,410	\$1,589,655	\$0.026792	\$479,755	35,505,080	\$940,213	35,505,080	\$479,755	30.18%	59.84%	23,823,330	\$890,103		\$0.03855
1998	59,925,100	\$1,603,579	\$0.026760	\$444,545	35,513,075	\$919,739	35,513,075	\$444,545	27.72%	59.26%	24,390,025	\$940,213		\$0.03635
1999	61,202,360	\$1,626,241	\$0.026572	\$487,678	35,838,207	\$919,739	35,838,207	\$487,678	29.99%	58.56%	25,303,153	\$919,739		\$0.03635
TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
	KWH'S	POWER COSTS	KWH	POWER COSTS	KWH'S	WAPA COST DOLLARS	KWH'S	WAPA COST DOLLARS	COST DOLLARS	% OF KWH'S PURCHASED	IP CO. KWH'S	IP CO. COST DOLLARS	UTL. PLUS KWH	UTL. PLUS COST DOLLARS
2000	62,330,126	\$1,582,090	\$0.025382	\$478,188	36,521,015	\$738,884	36,521,015	\$478,188	30.23%	56.99%	8,777,808	\$317,354		\$0.03615
2001	61,085,756	\$1,883,882	\$0.030840	\$467,455	34,295,437	\$828,997	34,295,437	\$467,455	24.81%	56.14%	29,722,358	\$1,025,423		\$0.03450
2002	68,088,322	\$1,747,889	\$0.025678	\$483,629	35,892,238	\$867,417	35,892,238	\$483,629	27.67%	52.73%	32,142,372	\$920,004		\$0.02862
2003	71,732,077	\$2,362,336	\$0.032933	\$487,702	35,962,956	\$919,739	35,962,956	\$487,702	20.64%	50.14%	35,769,121	\$1,256,446		\$0.03513
2004	71,371,771	\$2,606,790	\$0.036524	\$566,412	36,669,000	\$867,417	36,669,000	\$566,412	21.73%	51.38%	34,702,771	\$1,435,141		\$0.04140
2005	72,488,248	\$3,447,014	\$0.047553	\$584,861	36,562,000	\$919,739	36,562,000	\$584,861	16.97%	50.44%	35,926,248	\$2,153,485		\$0.05994
2006	72,229,128	\$3,710,248	\$0.051368	\$655,733	36,494,000	\$919,739	36,494,000	\$655,733	17.67%	50.53%	35,735,128	\$2,345,625		\$0.06564
2007	74,328,346	\$3,876,413	\$0.052153	\$694,695	36,494,000	\$919,739	36,494,000	\$694,695	17.92%	49.10%	37,866,971	\$2,405,855		\$0.06353
2008	72,292,207	\$3,482,050	\$0.048166	\$860,264	36,600,000	\$919,739	36,600,000	\$860,264	24.71%	50.63%	35,692,207	\$1,879,801		\$0.05267
2009	70,520,725	\$3,556,217	\$0.050428	\$1,022,734	36,494,000	\$919,739	36,494,000	\$1,022,734	28.76%	51.75%	34,026,725	\$1,507,934		\$0.04432
2010	73,459,509	\$4,228,544	\$0.057563	\$1,179,673	36,494,000	\$919,739	36,494,000	\$1,179,673	27.90%	49.68%	36,965,509	\$1,504,044		\$0.04069
2011	73,368,934	\$3,812,786	\$0.051967	\$1,179,673	36,494,000	\$919,739	36,494,000	\$1,179,673	30.94%	49.74%	36,874,934	\$1,541,506		\$0.04180

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% OF COST DOLLARS	% OF KWH'S PURCHASED	IP CO. TRANS. COST	TRANS. COST PER KWH (MIL)	KWH'S GENERATED	% OF KWH'S GENERATED	FUEL ON HAND YEAR END	FUEL PURCHASED	FUEL USED FOR TURBINE	YEAR		
										% OF KWH'S PURCHASED	TRANS. COST PER KWH (MIL)
47.67%	15.88%	\$109,934	\$0.0029	5,000	0.013%	44,170	0	810	1984		
41.92%	15.16%	\$114,138	\$0.0029	6,000	0.015%	37,640	0	820	1985		
46.76%	17.74%	\$152,869	\$0.0036	14,000	0.033%	40,611	0	2,559	1986		
50.16%	20.49%	\$153,101	\$0.0034	11,000	0.025%	38,925	0	1,686	1987		
57.33%	26.05%	\$134,728	\$0.0029	9,000	0.020%	44,519	7,000	1,410	1988		
52.88%	26.49%	\$131,652	\$0.0029	9,000	0.020%	46,259	3,000	1,260	1989		
48.12%	25.44%	\$136,319	\$0.0030	6,000	0.013%	45,100	0	1,259	1990		
44.44%	24.27%	\$146,734	\$0.0031	125,000	0.261%	42,900	15,490	17,690	1991		
44.38%	26.19%	\$140,513	\$0.0030	13,000	0.028%	41,590	0	1,310	1992		
45.19%	27.19%	\$155,177	\$0.0030	8,000	0.015%	39,900	0	1,690	1993		
53.00%	34.99%	\$144,285	\$0.0026	5,000	0.009%	39,193	0	707	1994		
53.85%	37.47%	\$147,500	\$0.0025	7,000	0.012%	38,676	0	517	1995		
55.58%	39.25%	\$141,518	\$0.0025	8,000	0.014%	37,336	0	1,340	1996		
55.99%	40.15%	\$143,888	\$0.0024	5,000	0.008%	36,856	0	480	1997		
58.63%	40.70%	\$143,864	\$0.0024	22,000	0.037%	40,786	7,500	3,570	1998		
56.56%	41.34%	\$143,865	\$0.0024	61,000	0.100%	42,556	7,200	5,430	1999		
% OF COST DOLLARS	% OF KWH'S PURCHASED	MISO TRANS. COST	TRANS. COST PER KWH (MIL)	KWH'S GENERATED	% OF KWH'S GENERATED	FUEL ON HAND YEAR END	FUEL PURCHASED	FUEL USED FOR GENERATION	GEN FUEL COST	DEBT SERVICE & DUES	YEAR
20.06%	14.08%	\$38,872	\$0.0006	82,000	0.132%	39,996	7,200	9,790			2000
54.43%	48.66%	\$296,790	\$0.0049	316,472	0.518%	44,628	29,002	21,131			2001
52.64%	47.22%	\$306,742	\$0.0045	33,712	0.050%	44,470	1,000	2,745			2002
53.19%	49.86%	\$325,527	\$0.0045	480,617	0.670%	39,661	36,000	39,400	\$33,461	\$259,200	2003
55.05%	48.62%	\$346,683	\$0.0049	34,461	0.048%	36,792	0	2,979	\$2,979	\$255,576	2004
62.47%	49.56%	\$347,836	\$0.0048	350,008	0.483%	39,816	27,999	24,725	\$43,536	\$245,428	2005
63.22%	49.47%	\$368,302	\$0.0051	107,048	0.148%	38,018	7,500	9,307	\$18,688	\$275,576	2006
62.06%	50.95%	\$398,172	\$0.0054	182,226	0.245%	39,739	14,646	13,041	\$28,478	\$248,814	2007
53.98%	49.37%	\$366,213	\$0.0051	30,823	0.043%	36,907	0	2,887	\$6,513	\$250,114	2008
42.40%	48.25%	\$653,784	\$0.0093	26,765	0.038%	34,598	0	2,309	\$5,175	\$241,227	2009
35.57%	50.32%	\$1,141,590	\$0.0155	11,299	0.015%	33,438	0	1,081	\$2,394	\$241,227	2010
40.43%	50.26%	\$1,051,292	\$0.0143	19,704	0.027%	31,748	0	1,701	\$3,866	\$0	2011

Electric Fund Contributions to other funds. Non-AUDITED

YEAR	GENERAL FUND	HOSPITAL	CLINIC	WATER	SEWER	ARENA	5 YR STREET	LANDFILL	ALL OTHER	C. CENTER	WADC	EDA	TOTALS	YEAR
1957	\$5,317												\$5,317	1957
1958	\$9,652												\$9,652	1958
1959	\$24,759												\$24,759	1959
1960	\$18,411												\$18,411	1960
1961	\$16,931												\$16,931	1961
1962	\$21,303												\$21,303	1962
1963	\$21,332												\$21,332	1963
1964	\$12,240												\$12,240	1964
1965	\$24,931												\$24,931	1965
1966	\$38,298												\$38,298	1966
1967	\$59,259												\$59,259	1967
1968	\$63,645												\$63,645	1968
1969	\$54,355												\$54,355	1969
1970	\$60,404												\$60,404	1970
1971	\$63,645												\$63,645	1971
1972	\$69,915			\$63,067									\$131,982	1972
1973	\$72,950			\$23,008									\$95,958	1973
1974	\$76,019	\$40,000		\$11,555									\$127,574	1974
1975	\$87,049	\$40,000		\$360,150	\$10,000								\$497,199	1975
1976	\$87,869	\$40,000		\$150,000	\$5,000								\$282,869	1976
1977	\$98,621				\$5,000								\$103,621	1977
1978	\$111,989												\$116,989	1978
1979	\$145,261												\$145,261	1979
1980	\$140,637												\$140,637	1980
1981	\$154,469												\$154,469	1981
1982	\$165,235	\$45,000											\$210,235	1982
1983	\$195,245						\$750,000						\$945,245	1983
1984	\$169,177												\$169,177	1984
1985	\$221,313												\$221,313	1985
1986	\$195,245										\$2,200		\$625,745	1986
1987	\$195,000	\$428,300							\$1,063		\$2,200		\$325,435	1987
1988	\$195,245							\$45,262			\$2,400		\$242,907	1988
1989	\$195,000							\$260,681	\$79,950		\$7,200		\$542,831	1989
1990	\$195,245	\$172,695			\$240,000			\$98,861			\$7,200		\$714,001	1990
1991	\$192,245							\$15,594	\$15,000		\$7,200		\$230,039	1991
1992	\$195,245							\$29,002	\$15,000		\$7,200		\$246,447	1992
1993	\$195,245							\$27,856	\$374,973		\$14,400		\$612,474	1993
1994	\$195,245							\$30,718			\$14,400		\$240,363	1994
1995	\$195,245							\$29,355			\$14,400		\$239,000	1995
1996	\$195,245										\$14,400	\$375,000	\$584,645	1996
1997	\$195,245								\$23,150		\$14,400		\$232,795	1997
1998	\$195,245								\$150,882		\$14,400		\$360,527	1998
1999	\$195,245	\$60,000							\$218,000		\$14,400		\$487,645	1999
2000	\$195,245					\$20,000				\$560,000	\$14,400	\$500,000	\$1,209,645	2000
2001	\$195,245									\$60,000	\$14,400	\$120,000	\$389,645	2001
2002	\$195,245										\$14,400		\$209,645	2002
2003	\$195,245										\$14,400		\$209,645	2003
2004	\$250,000										\$14,400		\$264,400	2004
2005	\$250,000										\$14,400		\$488,278	2005
2006	\$250,000										\$14,400		\$264,400	2006
2007	\$200,000										\$14,400		\$214,400	2007
2008	\$175,000										\$14,400		\$189,400	2008
2009	\$175,000										\$14,400		\$189,400	2009
2010	\$175,000										\$14,400		\$189,400	2010
2011	\$175,000										\$14,400		\$189,400	2011
TOTALS	\$7,450,151	\$337,695	\$488,300	\$607,780	\$240,000	\$45,000	\$750,000	\$564,501	\$1,101,896	\$620,000	\$309,200	\$995,000	\$13,609,523	Total

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ELECTRIC FUND CONTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER FUNDS

YEAR	GENERAL FUND	HOSPITAL FUND	MEDICAL CLINIC	WATER FUND	SEWER FUND	ARENA FUND	5-YR ST PROJECT	LANDFILL	COMMUNITY CENTER	ALL OTHER	TOTALS
1957	5,317										5,317
1958	9,652										9,652
1959	24,759										24,759
1960	18,411										18,411
1961	16,931										16,931
1962	21,303										21,303
1963	21,332										21,332
1964	12,240										12,240
1965	24,931										24,931
1966	38,298										38,298
1967	59,259										59,259
1968	63,645										63,645
1969	54,355										54,355
1970	60,404										60,404
1971	63,645										63,645
1972	68,915			63,067							131,982
1973	72,950			23,008							95,958
1974	76,019	40,000		11,555							127,574
1975	87,049	40,000		360,150		10,000					497,199
1976	87,869	40,000		150,000		5,000					282,869
1977	98,621					5,000					103,621
1978	111,989					5,000					116,989
1979	145,261										145,261
1980	140,637										140,637
1981	154,469										154,469
1982	165,235	45,000									210,235
1983	195,245						750,000				945,245
1984	169,177										169,177
1985	221,313										221,313
1986	195,245		428,300								623,545
1987	195,000							127,172		1,063	323,235
1988	195,245							45,262			240,507
1989	195,000							260,681		79,950	535,631
1990	195,245	172,695			240,000			98,861			706,801
1991	192,245							15,594		15,000	222,839
1992	195,245							29,002		15,000	239,247
1993	195,245							27,856		374,973	598,074
1994	195,245							30,718			225,963
1995	195,245							29,355			224,600
1996	195,245										195,245
1997	195,245									23,150	218,395
1998	195,245								500,000	150,882	846,127
1999	195,245		68,000						150,000	218,000	631,245
2000	195,245										195,245
2001	195,245									20,000	215,245
2002	195,245										195,245
2003	195,245										195,245
2004	250,000										250,000
2005	250,000									223,878	473,878
2006	250,000										250,000
2007	200,000										200,000
2008	175,000										175,000
2009	175,000										175,000
2010	175,000										175,000
2011	175,000										175,000
TOTAL	7,450,151	337,695	496,300	607,780	240,000	25,000	750,000	664,501	650,000	1,121,896	12,343,323

**CITY OF WINDOM
SEWER FUND
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
YEAR END DECEMBER 31 , 2011**

TREASURER'S CASH BALANCE JAN. 1, 2011 **\$743,339**

RECEIPTS:

Sanitary Sewer Service Charges	\$1,274,322
Sale of Merchandise & Services	\$11,528
Special Assessments	\$12,636
Connection Fee	\$75
Misc.	<u>\$41,282</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS **\$1,339,843**

DISBURSEMENTS:

Personnel Services	\$333,421
Supplies & Services	\$398,294
Misc.	\$16,298
Interest Expense	\$55,732
Capital Outlay	\$37,681
Debt Service	<u>\$522,544</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS **\$1,363,970**

TREASURER'S CASH BALANCE DEC. 31, 2011 **\$719,212**

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

YEAR ENDING 2011

Total gallons for the year	478,697,000
Gallons per average day	1,311,499
Gallons on peak day	2,549,000
Date and day of peak day	march 23rd Wed
Precipitation on Peak day	0.55
Precipitation for year	28.3

Water Cubic Feet	
Treatment Plant	81,000
Shop Building	2,900
Total Cubic Feet	83,900

B.O.D Influent		MG/L	LBS
High	256	2637	
Low	10	180	
Ave	69	700	

Chlorine use for year lbs	7,342
Sulfur Dioxide use Lbs	1,913

B.O.D % REMOVEL

B.O.D Effluent		MG/L	LBS
High	14	149	
Low	2	9	
Ave	2.4	26	

Electrical K.W.H	
Main Lift Station	229,920
Treatment Plant	2,099,040
Total K.W.H	2,328,960

T.S.S Influent		MG/L	LBS
High	240	2320	
Low	18	243	
Ave	69	708	

Main Lift Station Pumping Hrs	
Pump No 1	4,623
Pump No 2	4,135
Pump No 3	3
Total Hrs	8,761

T.S.S % REMOVEL 94

T.S.S Effluent		MG/L	LBS
High	10	134	
Low	2	13	
Ave	4.2	45	

P H Influent		P H Effluent		Ammonia Effluent	
High	8.4	High	8.1	High	1.08
Low	7.4	Low	7.1	Low	0.16
Ave	7.8	Ave	7.5	Ave	0.18

P M HOLDING	
Total Gallons for year	174,064,300
Gallons per Ave day	484,862
off no days	6

TORO CO	
Total Gallons for year	15,319,190
Gallons per ave day	41,970

B.O.D		MG/L	LBS
High	131	491	
Low	13	44	
Ave	47	186	

B.O.D		MG/L	LBS
High	200	82	
Low	137	62	
Ave	176	48	

T.S.S		MG/L	LBS
High	144	653	
Low	10	48	
Ave	55	222	

T.S.S		MG/L	LBS
High	240	71	
Low	42	33	
Ave	100	14	

P H	
HIGH	8.4
LOW	7.5
AVE	8.1

P H	
HIGH	
LOW	
AVE	

YEAR	Effluent											WINDOM WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT										
	GAL	Ave Day		B.O.D.		B.O.D		% REMOVE		T.S.S		T.S.S		T.S.S AVE		% REMOVE		PREC INCH				
			HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW		
1972	201,639,000	0.556	54	6	25	90.4	168	6	45	90.3												
1973	234,327,000	0.641	22	6	12	91.6	27	4	12.8	91												
1974	230,321,000	0.631	15	7	9.74	93.7	20	6	10.9	94.2												
1975	261,639,000	0.716	22	2	7.5	94.1	33	4	9.5	94.8										30.7		
1976	243,280,000	0.666	19	3	8.1	94.2	19	3	8.9	94.3										21.22		
1977	257,708,000	0.706	51	4	8.92	94.2	54	4	11.6	93										42.59		
1978	246,339,000	0.674	76	3	8.47	94.5	64	4	10	93.7										24.92		
1979	370,946,000	1.016	20	5	9.97	91.2	24	1	8.5	92.2										40.24		
1980	299,290,000	0.819	88	3	10.8	91.2	40	1	9.8	91.4										24.88		
1981	228,259,000	0.625	26	2	6.2	96.2	40	1	9	92.4										32.37		
1982	270,817,000	0.741	28	2	9	93.2	44	2	12.5	90										30.16		
1983	374,970,000	1.027	25	2	7.8	92.1	33	1	7.4	91										42.48		
1984	383,191,000	1.049	30	2	7.3	92.2	39	2	11.4	86.7										36.58		
1985	345,746,000	0.945	16	2	5.9	95	34	6	14.6	88.2										38.15		
1986	409,800,000	1.122	12	2	5.6	93.8	30	7	14.4	86.8										35.46		
1987	298,398,000	0.817	17	2	4.5	95.1	38	6	15.5	88.2										21		
1988	281,787,000	0.77	17	3	6.6	93.4	43	8	21	85.2										17.38		
1989	286,267,000	0.784	17	2	6.58	94.4	37	9	22	86.7										17.85		
1990	279,916,000	0.766	10	2	4.5	93.7	49	10	23	85.9										26.19		
1991	331,759,000	0.908	43	2	8.8	87.9	44	1	18	85										37.65		
1992	364,264,000	0.998	29	2	8.8	86.2	48	2	16.7	82.9										30.65		
1993	552,166,000	1.512	49	4	11	81.8	56	10	22	70.8										40.31		
1994	474,206,000	1.299	29	4	7.5	90.8	40	8	20	81.5										32.66		
1995	480,055,000	1.315	22	1	3.7	94.5	40	1	12.3	87.4										39.35		
1996	427,999,000	1.169	5	1	1.75	98.3	12	1	4	96.6										34.7		
1997	431,278,000	1.182	4	1	1.19	97.6	12	1	3.8	95.8										26.35		
1998	352,410,000	0.965	10	1	1.52	98.3	12	1	4.2	96.3										24.8		
1999	346,568,000	0.949	16	1	2.12	96.3	14	1	2.6	97.4										23.36		
2000	331,446,000	0.908	11	2	2.9	96.3	31	1	5.9	95.1										29.74		
2001	399,672,000	1.094	5	2	2.2	95.9	31	1	3.8	96.1										27.19		
2002	340,584,000	0.932	19	2	2.6	97.4	28	1	3.3	97.2										23.47		
2003	258,857,000	0.982	20	2	3.0	97.2	24	1	6.8	95.4										23.63		
2004	360,530,000	0.984	22	2	2.7	97.3	28	1	4.7	95.5										30.83		
2005	392,409,000	1.074	13	2	2.8	97.4	48	2	4.2	96.2										40.82		
2006	401,169,000	1.099	14	2	2.5	97.6	16	2	5.3	95.3										27.62		
2007	354,242,000	0.970	8	2	2.7	97.4	14	2	4.9	96.0										31.01		
2008	369,349,000	1.009	14	2	2.8	97.4	21	2	3.8	96.3										25.1		
2009	369,295,000	1.012	7	2	2.3	97.6	9	2	3.4	95.8										28.09		
2010	483,514,000	1.325	10	2	2.3	96.4	20	2	4.0	94.5										39.05		
2011	478,697,000	1.311	14	2	2.4	95.8	10	2	4.2	93.2										28.33		

**CITY OF WINDOM
TELECOM FUND
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
YEAR END DECEMBER 31 , 2011**

TREASURER'S CASH BALANCE JAN. 1, 2011 (\$245,740)

RECEIPTS:

Tax Levy	\$41,580
Basic Services	\$25,711
Expanded Basic Service	\$675,655
Silver Service	\$20,728
Gold Service	\$13,730
Sports Package	\$7,666
HBO	\$11,095
Showtime	\$5,086
Starz	\$5,720
HBO Spanish	\$342
Digital Basic	\$16,995
Package Discount	(\$31,467)
Telephone-Private Line	\$146,833
Federal Access Charge	\$65,764
Commercial Private	\$84,637
Long Distance	\$52,435
Telephone-Optional Service	\$49,222
800 Numbers	\$4,107
Switched Access	\$7,265
State Common Line	\$24,836
State Switched Line	\$72,770
State Special Acc	\$1,420
Internet Basic	\$1,851
Internet High Speed	\$96,824
High Speed Basic	\$345,438
High Speed Special	\$16,799
Lease Revenue	\$28,740
SW Broadband	\$36,261
Blandin Grant	\$100,000
Misc.	<u>\$192,904</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$2,120,947

DISBURSEMENTS:

CATV Programming Costs	\$460,390
Personnel Services	\$425,510
Cable TV Supplies & Services	\$158,371
Internet Supplies & Services	\$142,411
Blandin Grant	\$93,995
Telephone Supplies & Services	\$195,617
Interest Expense	\$611,846
Debt Service	\$140,000
Capital Expenditures	<u>\$122,662</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$2,350,802

TREASURER'S CASH BALANCE DEC. 31, 2011 (\$475,595)

Windom Telecommunications Subscribers

	3 Services Package	2 Services Package	Phone features	Internet			Hi-Cap 7-Jul	Video									
				Internet dial-up	Internet lite	Internet basic		Video basic	Video expanded	Video silver	Video digital	Video gold	Video premium				
2005	300		361	5	80	474		93	1412	0							
2006	415	198	774	15	135	577	8	97	1342	31							
2007	455	211	882	11	173	637	7	91	1278	46							
2008	450	194	935	11	216	679	10	81	1247	53							
2009	440	198	990	8	246	717	14	87	1227	40	6	20					
2010	441	191	1060	7	256	752	17	81	1196	33	15	19					
2011	431	181	1058	7	261	776	18	85	1140	31	25	14					

Total Internet Subs

Total Video Subs

2005 562
 2006 739
 2007 828
 2008 916
 2009 992
 2010 1045
 2011 1077

2005 1505
 2006 1492
 2007 1441
 2008 1407
 2009 1380
 2010 1344
 2011 1295

City of Windom Cable TV Subscriber Count

Year Ending	Basic	Expanded	Silver	Gold	Digital	HBO	Showtime	Starz	Sports	Hi-Def	Spanish
2005	95	1402	0	0		72	35	0	0	0	0
2006	97	1342	31	22		70	34	26	67	11	5
2007	91	1278	46	26		67	37	30	80	24	8
2008	81	1247	53	26		61	36	36	96	42	3
2009	87	1227	40	20	6	63	37	35	91	65	7
2010	81	1196	33	19	15	59	32	37	95	77	5
2011	85	1140	31	14	25	56	31	35	89	91	8

MONTHLY CABLE TV PROGRAMMING COSTS

Channels	Name	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
2/4/5/	CTV-KSMN2, WCCO4 KSTP5,																	
8/9/11/12	WFTCa,KMSP9, KEYC12	0.166	0.166	0.166	0.1667	0.1667	0.2083	0.2083	0.2083	0.2084	0.2084	0.25	free	free	free	free	free	free
11	KARE 11									0.15	0.15	0.17	0.2000	0.2000	0.3000	0.3500	0.4000	0.4000
17	C-Span Government	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.047	0.0470	0.0470	0.0460	0.0560	0.0610	0.0502
18	C-Span II Government	free	free	free	free	free	free	free	free	free	free	free	free	free	free	free	free	free
19	Weather Chnl	0.1275	0.135	0.12444	0.1266	0.1341	0.1416	0.1491	0.1566	0.1641	0.1716	0.1791	0.1866	0.1941	0.1941	0.1941	0.2016	0.2137
20	MnSAT								free	free	free	free	free	free	free	free	free	free
21	KEYC Fox																	
Total		0.3435	0.361	0.35044	0.3433	0.3508	0.3999	0.4074	0.4149	0.5725	0.58	0.6461	0.4336	0.4411	0.5401	0.6001	0.6626	0.6739
Basic Rate \$24.50																		
Expanded Basic																		
23	MSNBC												0.1580	0.1660	0.0174	0.2050	0.2200	0.2200
24	Tech TV						free	free	free	free			0.0500	0.0600	0.0700	0.1130	0.1160	0.1160
25	Oddsessy/Hallmark	0.03	0.03	0.017	0.018	0.03	0.06	0.08	0.1	0.12	0.135	0.13	0.1400	0.0950	0.0850	0.1050	0.1196	0.1196
26	WGN Indep. - Chicago	0.109	0.109	0.109	0.12	0.1208	0.1267	0.1654	0.1721	0.12976	0.13496	0.14032	0.1459	0.1518	0.1642	0.1708	0.1776	0.1776
27	WTBS Indep. - Atlanta	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.16	0.19	0.25	0.29	0.34	0.31	0.34	0.38	0.4100	0.4500	0.4800	0.5700	0.5800	0.5800
28	TNT Turner Network	0.46	0.49	0.49	0.54	0.57	0.61	0.66	0.72	0.78	0.84	0.9025	0.9725	1.0425	1.1125	1.2525	1.3225	1.3225
29	Bravo												0.1850	0.1900	0.1900	0.2130	0.2250	0.2250
30	TNN Nashville/Spike	0.195	0.195	0.2275	0.26	0.26	0.2925	0.2925	0.2925	0.341	0.349	0.363	0.3780	0.3930	0.4090	0.4580	0.4900	0.4900
31	ESPN	0.702	0.755	0.755	1.052	1.052	1.5465	1.8558	2.2269	2.6722	2.9595	3.2011	3.4292	3.6734	3.9347	4.1743	4.3860	4.6083
32	ESPNII				0.235	0.235	0.26	0.32	0.37	0.4	0.412	0.417	0.4540	0.4940	0.5370	0.6340	0.6880	0.6880
33	ESPN Classic											0.21	0.2300	0.2500	0.2500	0.2900	0.3100	0.3100
34	MLB																	0.27
35	Discovery	0.245	0.255	0.182	0.2528	0.2709	0.287	0.3048	0.3161	0.32858	0.35170	0.36560	0.3770	0.3920	0.4070	0.4390	0.4560	0.4560
36	Disney				1.00	0.8	0.775	0.8	0.825	0.85	0.882	0.914	0.9140	0.8100	0.8300	0.8800	0.9000	0.9000
37	Nickelodeon	0.253	0.273	0.2525	0.3409	0.3433	0.3957	0.4231	0.458	0.484	0.518	0.5540	0.5930	0.6350	0.6600	0.9200	0.9200	0.9200
38	Family	0.15	0.16	0.141	0.152	0.16	0.171	0.1929	0.203	0.215	0.233	0.253	0.2650	0.2860	0.3190	0.3630	0.3750	0.3750
39	Midwest Sports/Fox Sports	0.8	0.95	0.79	0.92	1.12	1.25	2.00	2.18	2.45	2.69	2.98	3.2500	3.4800	3.6200	4.1600	4.4500	4.7100
40	Fox News									0.2301	0.235	0.2427	0.2488	0.6500	0.7000	0.8400	0.8700	0.8700
41	FX									0.3111	0.317	0.385	0.4050	0.4250	0.4450	0.4850	0.5050	0.5050
42	USA Network	0.33	0.35	0.37	0.39	0.3962	0.4069	0.45	0.49	0.53	0.58	0.63	0.6880	0.7300	0.7650	0.8600	0.9100	0.9100
43	A & E Art & Entertainment	0.17	0.17	0.19	0.21	0.23	0.25	0.25	0.245	0.255	0.275	0.295	0.2950	0.2613	0.2730	0.2988	0.3125	0.3125
44	Lifetime	0.18	0.20	0.22	0.24	0.24	0.25	0.32	0.34	0.36	0.38	0.4	0.4200	0.4400	0.4700	0.5300	0.5600	0.5600
45	History Chnl				0.15	0.16	0.175	0.17	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.1800	0.2613	0.2730	0.2988	0.3125	0.3125
46	Home & Garden				0.1	0.115	0.13	0.135	0.135	0.15	0.158	0.158	0.1600	0.1625	0.1625	0.2500	0.2650	0.2650
47	Animal Planet				free	free	free	free	0.1524	0.15733	0.16182	0.1668	0.1710	0.1780	0.1850	0.2000	0.2090	0.2090
48	TCM Turner Classic Movies	0.16	0.17	0.17	0.18	0.19	0.2	0.21	0.22	0.225	0.235	0.245	0.2550	0.2650	0.2750	0.2950	0.3050	0.3050
49	TV Land				free	free	0.10	0.11	0.112	0.114	0.123	0.1310	0.1400	0.1500	0.1730	0.1850	0.1850	0.1850
50	AMC				free	0.235	0.245	0.255	0.255	0.265	0.275	0.2850	0.2950	0.2950	0.2950	0.3050	0.3550	0.3550
51	Comedy Central				0.308	0.15	0.1575	0.154	0.161	0.1715	0.183	0.1830	0.1880	0.1880	0.1945	0.2440	0.2610	0.2610
52	The Travel Channel				free	0.0639	0.0682	0.0733	0.0807	0.088	0.0950	0.1030	0.1030	0.1030	0.1070	0.1150	0.1200	0.1200
53	CNN Headline News	0.3125	0.33	0.29621	0.292	0.3079	0.335	0.3589	0.383	0.404	0.439	0.471	0.5000	0.5320	0.0000	0.7850	0.9800	0.8250
54	CNN 24 hrs news				free	free	free	free	free	free	free	free	free	free	free	free	free	free
55	TLC The Learning Channel	0.06	0.07	0.064	0.0765	0.1069	0.1337	0.1458	0.1613	0.17871	0.20007	0.2212	0.2420	0.2570	0.2720	0.2950	0.3070	0.3070
56	MTV Music, Concerts	0.238	0.258	0.186	0.2267	0.2374	0.2755	0.2951	0.2951	0.321	0.338	0.362	0.3870	0.4140	0.4430	0.5110	0.5470	0.5470
57	CMT Country Music Video	0.075	0.075	0.075	0.0825	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.108	0.112	0.1170	0.1220	0.1270	0.1420	0.1520	0.1520
58	VH-1	0.082	0.092	0.0765	0.0934	0.1029	0.122	0.1309	0.1309	0.109	0.15	0.16	0.1720	0.1840	0.1970	0.2260	0.2420	0.2420
59	SciFi	0.08	0.1	0.088	0.12	0.14	0.14	0.16	0.16	0.1843	0.1943	0.2043	0.2043	0.2143	0.2290	0.2590	0.2750	0.2750
60	Trinity				free	free	free	free	free	free	free	free	free	free	free	free	free	free
61	Bloomberg											free	free	free	free	free	free	free
62	RFD											0.10	0.1000	0.1000	0.1500	0.1540	0.1540	0.1580
63	Food Network											0.11	0.1100	0.1100	0.1200	0.2500	0.2650	0.2650
64	National Geographic												0.2100	0.2100	0.2200	0.24	0.2500	0.2500
65	EWTN																	
66	Big Ten Network														1.1972	1.2307	1.2307	1.2492
67	Blue Highway														0.0200	0.021	0.033	0.0330
70	DIY															0.09	0.145	0.145
	ACA												0.0225	0.0248	0.0372	0.038	0.05	0.05
Total		5.06	5.47	5.13	7.56	8.13	9.32	11.07	12.15	13.91	15.00	16.72	17.7148	19.2349	20.9083	24.6239	26.1990	26.8282
Expanded Basic Cable Rate \$46.40							19.50	20.25	21.75	21.75	24.25	36.95	38.2000	38.2000	43.9500	43.9500	46.4000	46.4000

Digital

101	WE												0.3000	0.3100	0.3100	0.3100	0.2800	0.2800
102	Discovery-Health/OWN												0.2200	0.2300	0.2400	0.2500	0.2600	0.2800
103	Discovery-Kids												0.1020	0.1070	0.1120	0.1170	0.1220	0.1320
104	Planet Green												0.1020	0.1070	0.1120	0.1170	0.1220	0.1320
105	Science Channel												0.1020	0.1070	0.1120	0.1170	0.1220	0.1320
106	Independent Film Network												0.3000	0.3100	0.3200	0.3500	0.3200	0.3200
107	Noggin												1.4180	0.4330	0.5360	0.0751	0.8258	0.8258
108																		

129	Fuse	free	0.1800	0.1800	0.18	0.17	0.17												
130	MTV 2	0.7080	0.6490	0.8570	1.0390	1.1424	1.1424												
131	Nick Games & Sports	0.7080	0.6490	0.8570	1.0390	1.1424	1.1424												
132	Style	0.1480	0.1488	0.1440	0.1525	0.1525	0.1650												
133	Great American Channel	free	0.0675	0.0700	0.075	0.0575	0.0575												
135	The Word Network	free	free	free	free	free	free												
136	Shop NBC	free	free	free	free	free	free												
137	Game Show	0.2400	0.2000	0.2200	0.2200	0.2200	0.1950												
151-188	Digital Music Channels	0.3000	0.3000	0.3000	0.3000	0.3000	0.3000												
	Total	7.2980	5.6393	6.2750	6.8891	7.9116	7.9911												
	Digital Basic \$69.10																		

Sports																			
301	Golf	0.2500	0.2700	0.2700	0.2900	0.2800	0.3000												
302	ESPN News	0.1200	0.1300	0.1400	0.1600	0.1700	0.1700												
303	Speed Channel	0.4930	0.4170	0.4680	0.5530	0.5950	0.5950												
304	Outdoor Life/VERSUS	0.4930	0.4210	0.4510	0.5020	0.5270	0.5270												
305	Fox Sports Dig Atlantic	0.5000	0.4500	0.4164	0.3950	0.4009	0.4009												
306	Fox Sports Dig Central	combined	combined	combined	combined	combined	combined												
307	Fox Sports Dig Pacific	combined	combined	combined	combined	combined	combined												
308	Outdoor	0.1200	0.1750	0.0600	0.1233	0.1270	0.1270												
	Total	1.9760	1.8630	1.8054	2.0233	2.0999	2.1199												
	Sports Rate \$6.95																		

HD																			
401	HD Net	1.8500	0.7200	0.7500	0.2370	0.2440	0.2440												
402	HD Net Movies	combined	combined	combined	0.3200	0.276	0.33												
403	Speed HD				0	0	0												
404	ESPN HD	0.8500	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000												
405	ESPN2 HD																		
406	MLB HD																		
409	FSN HD																		
410	Big Ten HD																		
411	Discovery HD				0.0000	0	0												
412	Animal Planet																		
413	Science Channel HD																		
414	Planet Green HD																		
415	Discovery HD Theater	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.00	1.0000	1.0000												
416	National Geographic HD																		
417	FXHD with SD																		
418	USA HD																		
419	SciFi HD																		
420	A & E HD				0.14	0.15	0.15												
421	Universal HD	0.6500	0.0000	0.0000	0.8300	0.8700	0.8700												
422	History HD																		
423	HGTV HD																		
424	Food HD																		
425	Fox News HD				0.21	0.21	0.21												
426	Disney HD																		
427	ABC Family HD																		
428	MSNBC HD																		
429	Bravo HD																		
	HD Transport fee				1.22	1.22	1.33												
	Total	4.4500	2.7200	1.7500	3.9570	3.9700	4.1340												
	HD Rate \$12.95																		

Showtime																				
321-330	Showtime	\$4.85	\$5.00	\$4.59	\$4.50	\$ 4.50	6.41	6.65	6.98	7.33	7.70	8.09	8.5000	8.5000	8.5000	8.5000	8.8000	9.2000		
	Showtime Rate \$12.95																			

HBO																				
311-317	HBO	\$7.74	\$8.00	\$6.02	\$6.44	\$ 6.67	6.91	7.25	7.64	8.02	8.42	8.84	9.2800	9.7400	10.2200	11.2900	12.8200	12.8200		
	HBO Rate \$12.95																			

Stars/Encore																				
331-342	Starz												6.5806	6.6650	6.8258	7.2134	7.3213	7.3508		
	Starz/Encore Rate \$12.95																			

Spanish																				
201	Hits en Espanol	3.8000	3.8000	3.2500	3.2500	3.2500	4.0000													
202	Discovery-en Espanol	combined	combined	combined	combined	combined	combined													
203	Fox Sports World Espanola	0.2442	0.2502	0.2605	0.2735	0.2776	0.2776													
204	CNN en Espanol	0.2200	combined	combined	combined	combined	combined													
205	Toon Disney-en Espanol	combined	combined	combined	combined	combined	combined													
206	MTVS	0.7080	0.7790	0.8570	1.0390	1.1424	1.1424													
207	History Channel En Espanol	combined	combined	combined	combined	combined	combined													
208	CineLatino	combined	combined	combined	combined	combined	combined													
209	Cine Mexicano	combined	combined	combined	combined	combined	combined													
210	Venemovies	combined	combined	combined	combined	combined	combined													
	Total	4.9722	4.8292	4.3675	4.5625	4.6700	5.4200													
	Spanish Rate \$4.95																			

City of Windom

STATEMENT OF BONDED INDEBTEDNESS YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011

BOND TYPE	DATE OF ISSUE	ISSUE RATE	DUE DATE	ORIGINAL ISSUE	OUTSTANDING 12/31/2010	ISSUED IN 2011	PRINCIPAL PAID IN 2011	OUTSTANDING 12/31/2011
GEN. OBLIGATION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT								
1	1994 Series #1	2.44	2014	\$352,380.00	\$72,044.79		\$20,737.84	\$51,306.95
2	1995 R.R.	2.45	2011	\$298,884.00	\$11,820.50		\$11,820.50	\$0.00
5	2003 St Project	3.777	2019	\$1,445,000.00	\$955,000.00		\$90,000.00	\$865,000.00 *
7	2005 St. Project	4.1	2021	\$1,440,000.00	\$1,020,000.00		\$100,000.00	\$920,000.00
17	2006A GO Imp (June Ct)	4.01131	2017	\$103,000.00	\$76,000.00		\$9,000.00	\$67,000.00
18	2006A GO Imp (Matthew Dr)	4.01131	2018	\$97,000.00	\$79,000.00		\$9,000.00	\$70,000.00
19	2006A GO Imp (Equipment)	4.01131	2016	\$111,000.00	\$76,000.00		\$12,000.00	\$64,000.00
20	2006A GO Imp (PM Windom)	4.01131	2016	\$175,000.00	\$152,000.00		\$23,000.00	\$129,000.00
21	2006A GO Imp (Riverbluff)	4.01131	2016	\$227,000.00	\$205,000.00		\$22,000.00	\$183,000.00
24	2007B GO Imp Bond (2007 Str)	3.75-4.3	2023	\$1,380,000.00	\$1,240,000.00		\$75,000.00	\$1,165,000.00
26	2009 Street Project	3.7974	2025	\$1,510,000.00	\$1,510,000.00		\$80,000.00	\$1,430,000.00
27	2009B GO Temp Equip Bond	1.7618	2012	\$2,400,000.00	\$2,400,000.00		\$0.00	\$2,400,000.00
29	2011A Wastewater Project	2.65	2029	\$3,090,000.00		\$3,090,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,090,000.00
30	2011B 2003 St Project Refunding	1.5496	2019	\$795,000.00		\$795,000.00	\$0.00	\$795,000.00
10	Telecomm	4.5-6.25	2024	\$9,470,000.00	\$9,320,000.00		\$140,000.00	\$9,180,000.00
REVENUE/GO								
12	1994 VVWTP	2.71	2015	\$3,886,969.77	\$1,175,670.84		\$222,648.92	\$953,021.92
13	Water Filter Plant	2.57	2018	\$3,151,838.00	\$1,036,439.94		\$173,000.00	\$863,439.94
14	Water Tower - East	2.29	2019	\$1,319,713.68	\$692,000.00		\$70,000.00	\$622,000.00
22	2006A GO Imp (Water Tower N)	4.01131	2016	\$227,000.00	\$197,000.00		\$30,000.00	\$167,000.00
NOTES								
28	LMC Loan- Street Shop Loan (5 year loan)	2.1452	2016	\$250,000.00		\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$250,000.00
25	2009 Equipment Lease/Purchase	3% after 1st year 5.5	2014	\$100,963.52	\$63,285.88		\$19,948.57	\$43,337.31

* Paid off in 2012 w/2011 Refunding Bond

CITY OF WINDOM

TAX LEVY FOR ALL FUNDS

YEAR COLLECTED	GENERAL	LIBRARY	UHF TV	Airport	POOL	ARENA	EDA	COMM. CENTER	DEBT SERVICE	ALL OTHER	LESS HACA/LGA	TOTALS	% OF CHANGE
1995	303,234	64,245	0	0	52,450	153,255	0	0	300,000	0	(357,346)	515,838	0%
1996	187,123	77,641	0	0	36,064	198,959	114,350	0	275,000	3,191	(350,698)	541,630	5%
1997	263,728	83,345	0	0	33,625	148,960	129,045	0	235,809	0	(352,822)	541,630	0%
1998	280,068	94,480	0	0	43,430	149,688	115,300	0	211,628	0	(352,964)	541,630	0%
1999	296,517	102,150	0	0	45,580	113,075	122,275	13,195	224,450	0	(352,785)	564,457	4%
2000	326,635	107,200	0	0	46,700	94,900	126,520	45,474	160,000	0	(353,072)	554,357	-2%
2001	327,782	104,725	0	0	46,725	92,750	112,270	115,780	100,000	45,226	(353,158)	592,100	6%
2002	67,686	92,892	0	0	48,950	78,145	145,270	121,200	116,000	60,200	0	730,343	19%
2003	94,658	119,550	0	0	52,025	104,455	113,190	134,675	116,000	24,200	0	758,753	3.90%
2004	179,668	119,650	0	0	45,250	93,275	151,740	142,480	132,310	22,400	0	886,773	16.90%
2005	227,716	127,400	0	0	44,600	103,405	134,800	156,290	100,000	115,500	0	1,009,711	14%
2006	278,810	147,250	0	0	55,050	146,575	122,900	171,250	181,700	46,500	0	1,150,035	14%
2007	386,578	155,500	11,300	600	46,350	162,800	99,400	192,775	188,225	45,400	0	1,288,928	12%
2008	420,513	156,695	0	0	56,700	206,925	99,175	212,435	168,500	85,000	0	1,405,943	9.10%
2009	510,622	161,750	0	11,400	52,250	185,500	103,740	207,425	221,536	41,450	0	1,526,175	8.60%
2010	361,982	150,780	0	0	37,160	160,930	120,800	205,975	380,735	145,767	0	1,564,129	2.50%
2011	454,725	150,505	0	30,000	53,600	186,835	123,830	210,810	305,270	64,467	0	1,580,042	1%

City of Windom

TAX LEVIED FOR BOND INDEBTEDNESS

YEAR COLLECTED	STREET IMPROVEMENTS	ARENA	EQUIPMENT	OTHER	LESS HACA/LGA	TOTAL
1995	\$300,000	\$52,800	\$25,007		(\$325,007)	\$52,800
1996	\$275,000	\$56,080		\$3,191	(\$50,924)	\$283,347
1997	\$235,809					\$235,809
1998	\$211,628				(\$21,964)	\$189,664
1999	\$200,000				(\$102,875)	\$97,125
2000	\$160,000				(\$100,000)	\$60,000
2001	\$100,000				(\$32,204)	\$67,796
2002	\$116,000					\$116,000
2003	\$116,000					\$116,000
2004	\$132,310					\$132,310
2005	\$100,000					\$100,000
2006	\$181,700					\$181,700
2007	\$188,225					\$188,225
2008	\$168,500					\$168,500
2009	\$145,189		\$76,347			\$221,536
2010	\$265,636		\$115,099			\$380,735
2011	\$248,395		\$56,875			\$305,270
2012	\$205,020		\$57,421			\$262,441

CITY OF WINDOM

2011 REVENUE SUMMARY

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
Taxes	\$425,000	\$615,378
LGA	\$1,100,000	\$1,249,980
Other State Aids	\$78,000	\$79,066
License/Permits	\$41,850	\$55,918
Fire Contracts	\$35,000	\$36,392
Electric Contribution	\$175,000	\$175,000
Liquor Contribution	\$70,000	\$70,000
Traffic Fines	\$25,000	\$26,506
All Other	\$156,100	\$183,340
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$2,105,950	\$2,491,580
<u>EDA</u>	\$227,680	\$219,818
<u>LIBRARY</u>	\$165,855	\$174,671
<u>SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</u>		
Pool	\$91,800	\$111,272
Airport	\$95,500	\$111,775
UHF TV	\$0	\$0
Arena	\$324,310	\$315,941
Ambulance	\$353,200	\$464,703
Community Center	\$264,935	\$301,044
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$1,129,745	\$1,304,735
<u>ENTERPRISE FUNDS</u>		
Liquor	\$1,330,100	\$1,479,101
Water	\$923,662	\$1,091,254
Electric	\$5,787,000	\$5,808,083
Sewer	\$1,240,355	\$1,338,545
Telecom	\$2,082,452	\$2,101,835
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUNDS	\$11,363,569	\$11,818,818
GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$14,992,799	\$16,009,623

CITY OF WINDOM

2011 DISBURSEMENT SUMMARY

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
Mayor/Council	\$81,950	\$91,096
Elections	\$0	\$5
City Office	\$137,100	\$125,423
Planning Zoning	\$137,310	\$124,551
Legal	\$950	\$2,008
City Hall	\$38,925	\$39,413
Police	\$824,270	\$859,111
Fire	\$131,900	\$125,950
Civil Defense	\$7,000	\$4,887
Animal Control	\$3,800	\$5,288
Streets	\$530,650	\$498,576
Health/Sanitation	\$24,000	\$18,388
Recreation	\$35,750	\$31,319
Senior Citizen	\$0	\$0
Parks	\$182,070	\$148,115
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$2,135,675	\$2,074,130
<u>EDA</u>	\$227,680	\$191,878
<u>LIBRARY</u>	\$164,655	\$170,221
<u>SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</u>		
Pool	\$71,800	\$79,967
Airport	\$62,000	\$116,639
UHF TV	\$0	\$0
Arena	\$355,310	\$322,288
Ambulance	\$285,225	\$257,616
Community Center	\$325,935	\$293,090
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	\$1,100,270	\$1,069,600
<u>ENTERPRISE FUNDS</u>		
Liquor	\$1,388,875	\$1,429,259
Water	\$956,950	\$740,148
Electric	\$5,319,786	\$5,325,799
Sewer	\$1,107,972	\$985,993
Telecom	\$2,711,995	\$2,738,470
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUNDS	\$11,485,578	\$11,219,669
GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$15,113,858	\$14,725,498

**CITY OF WINDOM
WINDOM, MINNESOTA 56101**

REPORT OF BUILDING PERMITS FOR 1982-2011

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NEW RESIDENTIAL</u>		<u>MISC. RESIDENTIAL</u>		<u>COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL</u>		<u>TAX EXEMPT or INSTITUTIONAL</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>	
	<u>No. of Apps.</u>	<u>Estimated Value</u>	<u>No. of Apps.</u>	<u>Estimated Value</u>	<u>No. of Apps.</u>	<u>Estimated Value</u>	<u>No. of Apps.</u>	<u>Estimated Value</u>	<u>No. of Apps.</u>	<u>Estimated Value</u>
1982	5	305,000	65	135,200	9	82,000	5	68,000	84	590,200
1983	15	1,318,000	38	89,400	3	6,500	6	113,000	62	1,526,900
1984	9	430,000	61	109,100	8	693,000	4	7,500	82	1,239,600
1985	7	420,000	64	146,000	10	131,000	3	357,000	84	1,054,000
1986	2	230,000	41	138,725	12	1,053,300	1	600	56	1,422,625
1987	2	138,000	50	75,520	4	37,000	3	166,000	59	416,520
1988	7	141,000	63	231,800	11	177,000	4	341,200	85	891,000
1989	7	140,000	59	123,705	7	136,100	1	135,000	74	534,805
1990	7	349,000	57	125,620	10	30,800	6	470,915	80	976,335
1991	6	313,000	59	126,532	12	253,100	2	1,810,000	79	2,502,632
1992	7	350,000	71	243,230	11	127,700	6	665,350	95	1,386,280
1993	13	1,052,000	88	392,202	13	1,171,100	8	770,000	122	3,385,302
1994	12	1,380,000	127	987,056	17	2,496,700	6	4,616,300	162	9,480,056
1995	15	1,410,000	158	415,520	9	2,340,199	3	3,260,000	185	7,425,719
1996	11	920,000	117	442,851	13	1,018,400	3	7,000	144	2,388,251
1997	9	620,000	97	336,331	15	246,500	5	1,299,711	126	2,502,542
1998	8	2,100,000 *	113	499,205	18	1,513,399	4	416,911	143	4,529,515
1999	10	874,000	110	761,400	13	742,060	4	3,011,000	137	5,388,460
2000	6	789,000	82	378,642	15	1,909,124	8	15,100,000	111	18,176,766
2001	18 **	2,794,896	254	1,443,163	25	1,369,189	13	771,504	310	6,378,752
2002	7	797,100	185	896,163	13	4,432,887	19	518,009	224	6,644,159
2003	6	657,624	209	1,193,057	24	1,219,055	14	1,942,122	253	5,011,858
2004	7	1,520,700	211	1,325,775	21	378,887	9	1,719,939	248	4,945,301
2005	4	504,980	219	1,550,229	16	1,259,784	13	438,083	252	3,753,076
2006	5	1,329,895	185	1,306,947	18	738,000	7	2,439,270	215	5,814,112
2007	2	310,000	202	1,381,728	26	2,203,722	12	1,232,077	242	5,127,527
2008	1	200,000	176	1,020,355	19	723,455	6	237,451	202	2,181,261
2009	2	517,000	202	1,213,201	16	306,328	8	204,912	228	2,241,441
2010	0	- 0 -	220	1,544,359	18	2,645,563	15	275,288	253	4,465,210
2011	1	170,000	188	1,289,958	12	1,351,103	12	528,320	213	3,339,381

* Includes 24-unit Assisted-Living Facility - Mickelson Manor

NOTE: In 2000, the State issued a Building Permit to the DNR for construction of a new facility in the Windom City Limits with an estimated value of \$2.7M.
 ** Two permits issued for one manufactured home—one for basement and one for garage. Total of 17 permits for new structures.

**CITY OF WINDOM, MINNESOTA
BUILDING PERMITS-CATEGORY SUMMARY**

2010

Residential – Miscellaneous - 220

Additions (House and/or Garage)	0
Alteration/Finish/Remodel (Interior)	12
Decks (New, Addition, Replace or Repair)	21
Garage (New)	6
Storage Buildings (New)	1
Roofing/Shingling	110
Siding	8
Windows	15
Doors	6
Combinations (Roofing, Shingling, Siding, Windows &/or Doors, etc.)	24
Miscellaneous *	17

Tax Exempt &/or Institutional - 15

Cottonwood County – Replace Damaged Walls & Insulation-Assessor’s Office, DAC – Repairs to Ramp, Dock & Door, Ag Society – Replace Roof on 4-H Stand; Windom HRA – Replace 57 Shower Stalls-Riverview, Replace 27 Vanities & 30 Entrance Doors & Shingle 2 Roofs-Hillside Manor; City – Replace Front Entrance & Remodel Concession Stand at Arena; Hospital – 2 Windows; Windom Schools – Window at Winfair & Install Cubicles-Highland; Evangelical Free Church – Shingling; St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church – Gutters & Parsonage-Minor Repairs; Re Infrastructure: Iowa Lakes Regional Water – Concrete Pad for Control Building for Sewer Extension to Fish Lake.

2011

Residential – Miscellaneous - 188

Additions (House and/or Garage)	6
Alteration/Finish/Remodel (Interior)	19
Decks (New, Addition, Replace or Repair)	13
Garage (New)	3
Storage Buildings (New)	4
Roofing/Shingling	80
Siding	15
Windows	13
Doors	5
Combinations (Roofing, Shingling, Siding, Windows &/or Doors, etc.)	19
Miscellaneous **	11

Tax Exempt &/or Institutional – 12

BARC – Remodel Rooms for WECC & New Rental Offices; Cottonwood County – Replace Roof – Law Enforcement Center; American Lutheran Church – Reshingle Parsonage; First Presbyterian Church – Replace Door; St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church – Remodel Altar; City – Remodel Street Shop & Replace Shingles on Cable TV building; Windom HRA – Re-roof Hillside Manor; Windom Schools – 2 offices-Highland; Good Samaritan – Remodel Resident Room, Replace Door; Windom Baseball Association – New Concession Stand.

Residential-New – None

Commercial or Industrial Buildings

New – Six: Windom Country Club - Storage Garage; Dick’s Welding – New Pole Building; Vortherms – Mini Storage Building; New Vision Co-op – Two 250,000 bu. Grain Bins & Grain Dryer; Ag Builders – Storage Lean-To.

Commercial Additions/Renovations/Repairs – 12

Including: Complete Remodel After Fire – Happy Chef; Remodel prior to Equipment Installation – Toro; Office Remodels (1) - Fredin; Loading Dock – Wooden Pallets; Roofing and/or Roof Repairs - (5) including Tanglewood Apartments, Phils Surplus, Bank of the West, James Johnson’s Office Building, and GCC Readymix Concrete; Repairs & Insulation – Energy Upgrades – Windom Apartments; Storefront Repair – Loopy’s; and Small Projects or Repair – Sheetrock (1).

* Note: Included in “Miscellaneous Projects” were 2 projects to install interior drain tile & discharge piping & 3 projects to straighten basement walls & install steel beams, etc.

Residential – New – 1

Single-Family Home – Crow

Commercial or Industrial Buildings – New: None.

Commercial or Industrial Additions/Renovations/Repairs – 12

Including: Store Remodel – HyVee; Bank Remodel – Bank Midwest; Interior Remodeling - Toro; 16’ X 20’ Office Addition - GDF; Remodel Building for Restaurant – The River City Eatery; James Johnson’s Office Building – Remodel & Insulation; Roofing and/or Roof Repairs (3) - Richard Hoffman, Guardian Inn, IBP (& IBP-Replace Portions of Siding & Tin); Install Dock Door-Warehouse (Global Investment Prop.); Replace Door (First Floral).

**Note: Included in “Miscellaneous Projects” were projects to repair basement walls, install drain tile, insulation, replace steps, repair water damage, new garden shed, new lean-to on garage, etc.

CITY OF WINDOM
Windom, Minnesota 56101

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTIVITIES

Year Ending December 31, 2011

<u>PLANNING COMMISSION:</u>	Chairperson:	Gary Hunter
	Vice Chairperson:	Lindsey Cartwright
	Commissioners:	Renee Giefer
		Loie Grandprey
		Tim Hacker
		Kevin Rose
		Greg Pfeffer
		Marilyn Wahl
	City Council Liaison:	Brad Powers
	Building and Zoning Official:	James Kartes
	Office Assistant:	Mary Hensen

<u>MEETINGS:</u>	Regular Meetings	3
	TOTAL NUMBER OF MEETINGS.....	3

<u>PUBLIC HEARINGS:</u>	Variance Applications	1
	Conditional Use Applications	1
	Rezoning Applications	0
	Subdivision Applications & Preliminary Plats	0
	Zoning Designation (Land to be Annexed)	0
	Zoning Amendment	0
	TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLIC HEARINGS.....	2

<u>PLATS APPROVED WITHIN CITY LIMITS:</u>	Preliminary Plats - None Submitted	
	Final Plats.....	0

<u>VARIANCE APPLICATIONS:</u>		
	Approved	1
	Denied:.....	0

<u>CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS:</u>		
	Approved:.....	1
	Residential (1)	
	Denied:.....	0

REZONING APPLICATIONS: None Submitted.

ZONING AMENDMENT: None Submitted.

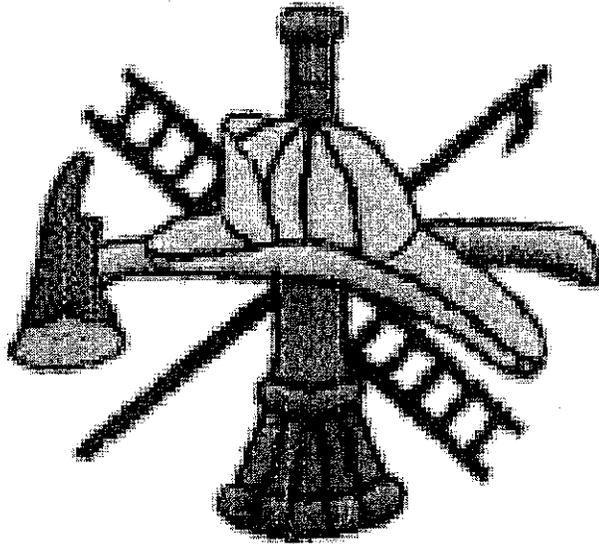
ZONING CODE UPDATE: One – Revision due to new MN Statute.

ZONING DESIGNATION (Land to be Annexed): None Submitted.

PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT: No Applications Submitted.

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS: No Programs Submitted.

Windom Fire Department



2011 Annual Report

November 1, 2010

to

October 31, 2011

By: Roger Winker
Nov. 1st, 2011

WINDOM FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year 2011
11/01/10 - 10/31/11

2011 OFFICERS:

Chief	Dan Ortmann
1st Assistant	Mark Stevens
2nd Assistant	Mark Marcy
3rd Assistant	Roger Winker

2011 FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS:

Jordan Bussa	Preston Rossow
Ben Derickson	Mark Stevens
Dan Fossing	Kjell Turner
Kevin Gotto	Lonny Vollan
Jay Grandprey	Tom Voth
Mike Haugen	Eric Ward
Todd Janssen	Roger Winker
Buckwheat Johnson	Craig Wolter
Joe Jurgens	Daric Zimmerman
Mike LaMaack	Tom Zimmerman
Gene Lovell	
Jeremy Lund	
Brady Lyons	
Mark Marcy	
Corey Maricle	
Dan Ortmann	
Nestor Palm	
Kristen Porath	
Monte Rabbe	

FIREMEN OF THE YEAR:

Kjell Turner
Ben Derickson

CHIEF'S AWARD:

Jay Grandprey

Windom Volunteer Fire Department Fiscal Year 2011 (11/01/10 - 10/31/11) Activity Report

2011 RESPONSES 40 FIRE CALLS

(21 Rural)
(19 City)

24 DRILLS AND MEETINGS

25-YEAR AVERAGES

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>FIRE CALLS</u>	<u>RURAL</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>DRILLS</u>	<u>RESCUE</u>	<u>MISC</u>
1987	73	54 (74%)	19 (26%)	22		
1988	70	47 (67%)	23 (33%)	22		
1989	46	19 (41%)	27 (59%)	21		
1990	54	29 (54%)	25 (46%)	21		
1991	43	25 (58%)	18 (42%)	23		
1992	36	23 (64%)	13 (36%)	23		
1993	50	23 (46%)	27 (54%)	24		
1994	62	31 (50%)	31 (50%)	23	15	12
1995	40	21 (52.5%)	19 (47.5%)	24	15	17
1996	49	22 (44.9%)	27 (55.1%)	23	13	7
1997	52	26 (50%)	26 (50%)	23	8	10
1998	27	12 (44.4%)	15 (55.6%)	23	10	6
1999	50	29 (58.0%)	21 (42.0%)	24	10	
2000	79	45 (57.0%)	34 (43.0%)	24	24	
2001	37	10 (27.1)	27 (72.9%)	24	15	
2002	36	9 (25%)	27 (75%)	24	16	2 Burns
2003	53	29 (55%)	24 (45%)	23	11	
2004	34	12 (35%)	22 (65%)	23	6	
2005	29	18 (62%)	11 (38%)	24	5	5
2006	44	21 (47.7%)	23 (52.3%)	24	5	9
2007	49	24 (49%)	25 (51%)	24	7	6
2008	38	24 (63.2%)	14 (36.8%)	24	9	12
2009	49	27 (55.1%)	22 (44.9%)	24	17	
2010	49	24 (49%)	25 (51%)	23	19	16
2011	40	21 (52.5%)	19 (47.5%)	24	7	17
Totals	1190	625	565	580	212	119
25-YEAR AVERAGE	CALLS 47.6	RURAL 52.5%	CITY 47.5%			

**Windom Volunteer Fire Department
Fiscal Year 2011 (11/01/10 - 10/31/11)
Annual Breakdown
By Fire Category**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Calls</u>	<u>Structure</u>	<u>Grass</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>False Alarms</u>	<u>Misc</u>
1996	49	21	10	5	9	4
1997	52	20	9	8	13	2
1998	27	6	4	2	6	9
1999	50	16	12	7	6	9
2000	79	17	28	12	13	9
2001	37	10	1	5	9	12
2002	36	9	6	4	7	10
2003	53	18	10	9	10	6
2004	34	9	6	5	7	7
2005	29	8	5	2	2	12
2006	44	19	10	6	1	8
2007	49	23	10	6	1	9
2008	38	16	5	5	0	12
2009	49	18	9	2	0	20
2010	49	12	2	6	0	29
2011	40	15	8	6	0	11
<u>Totals</u>	715	237	135	90	84	169
16 Year Avg.	44.7	33%	18.9%	12.6%	11.8%	23.7%



WINDOM POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Scott Peterson, Chief

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WINDOM POLICE

DEPARTMENT

2011

YEAR END REPORTS

2011 YEAR-END REPORT
WINDOM POLICE DEPARTMENT
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT FIGURES

Listed below is a synopsis of the Traffic Enforcement figures for all of 2011. Also listed are figures for the year of 2010.

<u>TRAFFIC DIVISION</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
TOTAL ACCIDENTS	181	174
PERSONS INJURED	24	29
FATALITIES	0	0
MOVING TRAFFIC TICKETS	198	277
NON-MOVING TRAFFIC TICKETS	194	56
MOVING WARNINGS	87	138
NON-MOVING WARNINGS	258	17
REPAIR TICKETS	23	38
<u>DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE</u>		
MISDEMEANOR DUI'S	9	12
GROSS/FELONY DUI'S	22	18
UNDERAGE DRINK & DRIVE	3	1

2011 YEAR-END TOTALS
CALLS FOR SERVICE

(CALLS THAT OFFICERS RESPOND TO AND MAKE A REPORT ON.)

<u>2011</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
146	January	146	--
142	February	117	+ 25
170	March	154	+ 16
172	April	160	+ 12
172	May	150	+ 22
181	June	165	+ 16
195	July	161	+ 34
211	August	157	+ 54
179	September	186	- 7
196	October	162	+ 34
160	November	140	+ 20
130	December	138	- 8
2054	TOTAL FOR YEAR	1836	+218

2011 YEAR-END TOTALS
ADDITIONAL POLICE ACTIVITY

<u>2011</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
57	Dogs/Cats Impounded	65	- 8
63	False Alarms	52	+ 11
15	Vacation Homes	16	- 1

(Should be noted that there was also an increase of 184 calls in 2010.)

2011 YEAR-END TOTALS
OTHER POLICE ACTIVITY

(The information listed below is misc. activity that the officers have made reports on. The statistics have 2010 comparisons.)

2011	2010	CHANGE
166 Ambulance Assists	153	+ 13
42 Assist Other Agencies	59	- 17
63 Concern for Welfare	61	+ 2
107 Disturbances	72	+ 35
17 *Domestic Disturbances	27	- 10
30 Funeral Escorts	44	- 14
37 Lost, Found/Recovered Property	36	+ 1
10 Mental (Including Suicidal, etc.)	10	- -
295 Miscellaneous (Including Information Calls, exchange of information with other departments, etc.)	253	+ 42
13 Missing, Lost or Runaway Persons	10	+ 3
68 Prowlers, Suspicious Persons/ Activity, Window Peekers, etc.	64	+ 4
130 Public Assist/Misc. Public	135	- 5
46 Traffic-Hit and Run Accidents	31	+ 15

NOTE: *The Domestic Disturbance totals above don't reflect some of the more serious domestics, resulting in assaults and possibly other charges.

2011 YEAR-END TOTALS
ADULT ARRESTS

CRIME	TOTAL
Assault (All Degrees) & Terroristic Threats	49
Burglary (All Degrees)	5
Check Fraud, Issuance of Dishonored Checks, Identity Theft, Check Forgery and Fraudulent Use of Debit Card/EBT Card	18
Crimes Against Administration of Justice (Including Obstructing Legal Process, Impersonating an Officer, False Name to Officer, Protection/Harassment Order Violation, No Contact Order Violation, etc.)	21
Criminal Damage to Property (All Degrees)	2
Disorderly Conduct	8
Drug Violations (Including Possession Small Amt. of Marijuana and/or Drug Paraphernalia, 1st Degree-Manufacture Meth, etc.)	19
Escape-Fleeing/Fugitive from Justice	6
Harassing Communications, Interference with 911 call	2
Kidnapping-False Imprisonment	1
Liquor Violations (Including DUI's, Gross DUI's, Felony DUI's, Minor Consumption, Underage Drink & Drive, Open Bottle, Minor in Possession, Purchase, Sell, Barter & Furnish Under 21, etc.)	70
Other (Including Property Offenses, Disturbing the Peace and Trespass)	23
Possession of Stolen Property	2
Receiving Stolen Property	1
Sex Offenses (Criminal Sexual Conduct- all degrees)	4
Theft (All Degrees) & Shoplifting	8
Theft of Motor Vehicle-Drive Veh. without Consent	1

2011 YEAR-END TOTALS
ADULT ARRESTS
(CONTINUED-2)

CRIME	TOTAL
Traffic/Gross Misd. Traffic & Hit and Runs	38
Vehicle Tampering	2
TOTAL ADULT ARRESTS	280

- **The above total represents the number of arrest charges per offense, not the number of individual cases. (Ex. One adult that was charged with three offenses would count as three arrest charges.) The Police Department saw increases in Assault, Property Damage and Drug Violation crimes.**

TOTAL ADULT ARRESTS IN 2010 260
TOTAL ADULT ARRESTS IN 2009 247

2011 YEAR-END TOTALS
JUVENILE ARRESTS

CRIME	TOTAL
Assault (All Degrees) & Terroristic Threats	12
Burglary	3
Crimes Against Administration of Justice-False Name to Police/Obstructing Legal Process	2
Criminal Damage to Property	2
Disorderly Conduct	13
Drug Violations (Including Possession Small Amount of Marijuana and/or Drug Paraphernalia)	3
Escape-Fleeing a Police Officer	1
Liquor Violations (Including Minor Consumption / Underage Drinking & Driving)	9
Property Offense-Unlawful Deposit of Garbage	1
Runaway/Truant/Curfew/Incorrigible Juvenile	14
Sex Offenses-Criminal Sexual Conduct in 2nd Degree	1
Theft of Automobile	2
Tobacco Violations	4
Traffic Violations (Investigations other than simple Juvenile Traffic Citations)	4
Weapons-Discharge	2
TOTAL JUVENILE ARRESTS	73

- The above total represents the number of arrest charges per offense, not the number of individual cases. (Ex. One juvenile that was charged with three offenses would count as three arrest charges.) The Police Department saw increases in Juvenile Assault and Disorderly Conduct crimes, along with Liquor Violations.

TOTAL JUVENILE ARRESTS IN 2009 80
TOTAL JUVENILE ARRESTS IN 2010 61

CITY OF WINDOM CITY WIDE CLEAN-UP

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Citizen/KDOM	\$198.00	\$376.20	\$465.60	\$330.00	\$278.10	\$340.20	\$0.00	\$403.20	\$491.40	\$540.00	\$1,992.60	\$2,581.00	\$2,380.05	\$2,013.95	\$1,863.20
Curry Sanitation/Waste Manager	\$1,867.50	\$2,585.00	\$3,860.00	\$4,632.50	\$4,815.00	\$4,637.50	\$0.00	\$4,020.00	\$5,130.00	\$1,417.29	\$8,109.64	\$12,097.00	\$12,662.85	\$11,153.64	\$11,776.85
Cottonwood County Landfill	\$3,983.10	\$4,461.51	\$7,088.64	\$6,216.79	\$6,782.00	\$6,256.85	\$0.00	\$5,504.51	\$2,985.31	\$2,576.56	\$3,785.70	\$4,667.00	\$5,008.44	\$4,286.70	\$4,490.94
Total Cost	\$6,048.60	\$7,422.71	\$11,414.24	\$11,179.29	\$11,875.10	\$11,234.55	\$0.00	\$9,927.71	\$8,606.71	\$4,533.85	\$13,887.94	\$19,345.00	\$20,051.34	\$17,454.29	\$18,130.99
Spring Clean-up fees collected													\$23,324.12	\$25,444.23	\$25,382.39
Tons	74.8	89.2	102.63	113.29	123.59	114.02	0	100.31	87.38	95.31	90.76	110.08	118.23	101.76	107.12
Landfill Cost per Ton	\$53.25	\$50.00	\$69.07	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$34.17	\$27.04	\$41.71	\$42.40	\$42.36	\$42.13	\$41.92
Total Cost per Ton	\$80.86	\$83.19	\$111.22	\$98.68	\$96.08	\$98.54	\$0.00	\$98.97	\$98.50	\$47.57	\$153.02	\$175.74	\$169.60	\$171.52	\$169.26
Cost per Household	\$3.11	\$3.80	\$5.81	\$5.65	\$5.96	\$5.83	\$0.00	\$5.11	\$4.42	\$2.33	\$7.09	\$9.87	\$10.23	\$8.25	\$8.56
Number of Households	1943	1955	1966	1978	1994	1929	1935	1944	1948	1953	1958	1959	1961	* 2116	* 2119

* Based on December monthly billing

CITY OF WINDOM

LIBRARY STATISTICAL REPORT

YEAR	VOLUMES LENT FOR HOME USE	NEW REGISTRATIONS	VOLUMES ON HAND	NEW BOOKS ADDED	BOOKS DISCARDED
1965	16,596		7,034		
1966	16,521		7,103		
1967	17,752		8,557		
1968	18,376		9,325		
1969	19,274		9,706		
1970	19,579		10,368		
1971	15,090		10,922		
1972	14,893		11,486		
1973	17,462		12,231		
1974	18,767		13,312		
1975	22,229		11,289		
1976	21,700		15,107		
1977	22,391	387	15,426		
1978	24,138	301	15,559		
1979	24,667	308	15,957		
1980	26,545	296	16,233	844	
1981	23,777	283	15,387	1,062	
1982	31,875	286	16,989	1,018	916
1983	32,763		17,894	679	574
1984	32,403		17,166	784	772
1985	28,894		17,012		
1986	32,765		16,627		
1987	33,759	118	15,451	724	2,018
1988	35,969	143	16,525	1,131	57
1989	39,598	340	17,072	1,635	1,088
1990	44,612	503	18,518	1,316	192
1991	49,598	413	19,119	1,481	880
1992	57,891	434	19,599	1,504	1,024
1993	62,286	347	20,910	1,932	621
1994	59,194	351	21,194	1,284	1,000
1995	49,200	350	24,332	1,819	500
1996	57,282	440	24,327	1,567	1,572
1997	58,442	410	25,237	1,918	1,008
1998	54,971	337	24,322	1,727	2,642
1999	59,789	292	29,552	5,220	500
2000	59,147	270	32,528	3,446	470
2001	48,417	239	35,206	3,178	500
2002	48,550	220	35,215	2,233	2,224
2003	47,169	200	36,270	2,100	1,045
2004	48,691	188	37,187	1,767	850
2005	47,978	207	31,068	1,872	800
2006	48,247	170	31,236	1,880	1,712
2007	49,603	246	32,221	2,185	1,200
2008	55,667	249	30,047	2,273	4,447
2009	57,306	220	30,558	2,470	1,959
2010	56,610	223	30,376	1,996	2,178
2011	53,326	207	28,582	1,864	3,658

CITY OF WINDOM
FM Entry - Invoice Payment - Department Report

Department	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
MAYOR & COUNCIL	LEAGUE OF MN. CITIES	REGISTRATION	130.00
	Total for Department 101		130.00*
CITY OFFICE	MAIL FINANCE	LEASE PAYMENT	19.32
CITY OFFICE	U S POSTAL SERVICE	POST OFFICE BOX RENT	11.74
CITY OFFICE	SELECTACCOUNT	ADM FEE	108.42
CITY OFFICE	TOSHIBA FINANCIAL SE	LEASE/MAINTENACE CONTRAC	21.21
	Total for Department 103		160.69*
P & Z / BUILDING OFF	MAIL FINANCE	LEASE PAYMENT	19.31
	Total for Department 106		19.31*
CITY HALL	JOE'S LAWN CARE	BOILER INSPECTION	75.00
CITY HALL	JAY KUEHL	SNOW REMOVAL	30.00
CITY HALL	MN ENERGY RESOURCES	HEATING	1,256.75
	Total for Department 115		1,361.75*
POLICE	MAIL FINANCE	LEASE PAYMENT	19.31
POLICE	Verizon Wireless	SERVICE FOR LAPTOPS	78.10
POLICE	U S POSTAL SERVICE	POST OFFICE BOX RENT	11.73
POLICE	TOSHIBA FINANCIAL SE	LEASE/MAINTENACE CONTRAC	10.60
	Total for Department 120		119.74*
FIRE DEPARTMENT	MARK MARCY	EXPENSE	19.17
FIRE DEPARTMENT	Verizon Wireless	SERVICE FOR LAPTOPS	52.04
FIRE DEPARTMENT	U S POSTAL SERVICE	POST OFFICE BOX RENT	11.73
FIRE DEPARTMENT	ROGER WINKER	EXPENSE	409.53
FIRE DEPARTMENT	ALEXANDRIA TECHNICAL	TRAINING	130.00
	Total for Department 125		622.47*
STREET	CLARKE	BUG SPRAY	9,624.96
STREET	U S POSTAL SERVICE	POST OFFICE BOX RENT	11.74
	Total for Department 140		9,636.70*
RECREATION	TOSHIBA FINANCIAL SE	LEASE/MAINTENACE CONTRAC	10.60
	Total for Department 150		10.60*
PARKS	U S POSTAL SERVICE	POST OFFICE BOX RENT	11.73
	Total for Department 165		11.73*
	Total for Fund 01		12,072.99*
LIBRARY	GE CAPITAL RETAIL BA	SUBSCRIPTION	31.02
LIBRARY	JOE'S LAWN CARE	BOILER INSPECTION	75.00
LIBRARY	JAY KUEHL	SNOW REMOVAL	30.00
LIBRARY	MN ENERGY RESOURCES	HEATING	919.61
LIBRARY	TOSHIBA FINANCIAL SE	LEASE/MAINTENACE CONTRAC	5.30
	Total for Department 171		1,060.93*
	Total for Fund 03		1,060.93*

CITY OF WINDOM
FM Entry - Invoice Payment - Department Report

Department	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
AIRPORT	MN DEPT OF ADMINISTR	TELEPHONE	23.58
		Total for Department 174	23.58*
		Total for Fund 11	23.58*
POOL	MAIL FINANCE	LEASE PAYMENT	19.31
POOL	U S POSTAL SERVICE	POST OFFICE BOX RENT	11.73
POOL	TOSHIBA FINANCIAL SE	LEASE/MAINTENACE CONTRAC	5.30
		Total for Department 175	36.34*
		Total for Fund 12	36.34*
AMBULANCE	KATE AXFORD	EXPENSE	7.26
AMBULANCE	EXPERT T BILLING	BILLING SERVICE	1,163.25
AMBULANCE	LONDA FOSHEIM	EXPENSE	14.39
AMBULANCE	TIM HACKER	EXPENSE	32.87
AMBULANCE	BUCKWHEAT JOHNSON	EXPENSE	13.35
AMBULANCE	MAIL FINANCE	LEASE PAYMENT	19.32
AMBULANCE	Verizon Wireless	SERVICE FOR LAPTOPS	78.06
AMBULANCE	JOLYNN NERHUS	EXPENSE	39.29
AMBULANCE	U S POSTAL SERVICE	POST OFFICE BOX RENT	11.73
AMBULANCE	SOUTH CENTRAL COLLEG	TRAINING	389.10
AMBULANCE	WINDOM AREA CHAMBER	BOOTH RENTAL	35.00
		Total for Department 176	1,803.62*
		Total for Fund 13	1,803.62*
MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDI	MAIL FINANCE	LEASE PAYMENT	19.31
MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDI	MN ENERGY RESOURCES	HEATING	1,343.92
MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDI	U S POSTAL SERVICE	POST OFFICE BOX RENT	11.73
MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDI	TOSHIBA FINANCIAL SE	LEASE/MAINTENACE CONTRAC	5.30
		Total for Department 177	1,380.26*
		Total for Fund 14	1,380.26*
LIQUOR	BEVERAGE WHOLESALERS	MERCHANDISE	3,623.80
LIQUOR	HAGEN DISTRIBUTING	MERCHANDISE	4,187.35
LIQUOR	A H HERMEL CANDY & T	MERCHANDISE	598.07
LIQUOR	JOHNSON BROS.	MERCHANDISE	1,657.11
LIQUOR	GENE LENNING	SUPPLIES	7.48
LIQUOR	MAIL FINANCE	LEASE PAYMENT	19.32
LIQUOR	MN ENERGY RESOURCES	HEATING	146.31
LIQUOR	PHILLIPS WINE & SPIR	MERCHANDISE	6,765.46
LIQUOR	U S POSTAL SERVICE	POST OFFICE BOX RENT	11.73
LIQUOR	TOSHIBA FINANCIAL SE	LEASE/MAINTENACE CONTRAC	23.01
		Total for Department 180	17,039.64*
		Total for Fund 60	17,039.64*
WATER	BOLTON & MENK, INC.	SERVICE	3,195.00

CITY OF WINDOM
 FM Entry - Invoice Payment - Department Report

Department	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
WATER	DATA-PAC MAILING SYS	MAIL METER RENTAL	52.25
WATER	H P SUDS CLUB, LLC.	BILLING CONTRACT SERVICE	197.92
WATER	MAIL FINANCE	LEASE PAYMENT	19.33
WATER	SOURCE ONE SOLUTIONS	POSTAGE	1.38
WATER	SOURCE ONE SOLUTIONS	SPECIAL SERVICE	6.66
WATER	SOURCE ONE SOLUTIONS	UTILITY BILL SERVICES	832.83
WATER	MN ENERGY RESOURCES	HEATING	660.57
WATER	U S POSTAL SERVICE	POST OFFICE BOX RENT	11.74
WATER	TOSHIBA FINANCIAL SE	LEASE/MAINTENACE CONTRAC	23.01
	Total for Department 181		5,000.69*
	Total for Fund 61		5,000.69*
	ELECTRIC FUND	REF-UT PREPAY-REY RAMOS	300.00
	Total for Department		300.00*
ELECTRIC	AMOCO OIL COMPANY	GAS	1,210.12
ELECTRIC	AMOCO OIL COMPANY	SUPPLIES	3.20
ELECTRIC	DATA-PAC MAILING SYS	MAIL METER RENTAL	52.25
ELECTRIC	H P SUDS CLUB, LLC.	BILLING CONTRACT SERVICE	197.92
ELECTRIC	CHERYL LILLEGAARD	MILEAGE	285.26
ELECTRIC	CHERYL LILLEGAARD	SUPPLIES	42.00
ELECTRIC	MAIL FINANCE	LEASE PAYMENT	19.33
ELECTRIC	SOURCE ONE SOLUTIONS	POSTAGE	1.38
ELECTRIC	SOURCE ONE SOLUTIONS	SPECIAL SERVICE	6.66
ELECTRIC	SOURCE ONE SOLUTIONS	UTILITY BILL SERVICES	1,717.76
ELECTRIC	MN MUNICIPAL UTILITI	SUPPLIES	161.26
ELECTRIC	NEW STAR SALES & SER	COPIER MAINTENANCE	225.00
ELECTRIC	MN ENERGY RESOURCES	HEATING	513.96
ELECTRIC	U S POSTAL SERVICE	POST OFFICE BOX RENT	11.74
ELECTRIC	TOSHIBA FINANCIAL SE	LEASE/MAINTENACE CONTRAC	23.01
ELECTRIC	BROOKS UTILITY PRODU	MAINTENANCE	186.83
ELECTRIC	COTTONWOOD COUNTY DA	ENERGY REBATE	567.00
ELECTRIC	GOOD SAMARITAN SOCIE	ENERGY REBATE	1,913.00
	Total for Department 182		7,137.68*
	Total for Fund 62		7,437.68*
	BOLTON & MENK, INC.	SERVICE	7,137.06
	Total for Department		7,137.06*
SEWER	AMOCO OIL COMPANY	GAS	371.95
SEWER	DATA-PAC MAILING SYS	MAIL METER RENTAL	52.25
SEWER	H P SUDS CLUB, LLC.	BILLING CONTRACT SERVICE	197.92
SEWER	MAIL FINANCE	LEASE PAYMENT	19.32
SEWER	SOURCE ONE SOLUTIONS	POSTAGE	1.38
SEWER	SOURCE ONE SOLUTIONS	SPECIAL SERVICE	47.66
SEWER	SOURCE ONE SOLUTIONS	UTILITY BILL SERVICES	832.83
SEWER	MN WASTEWATER OPERAT	DUES	25.00
SEWER	MN ENERGY RESOURCES	HEATING	112.68

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Department	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
SEWER	U S POSTAL SERVICE	POST OFFICE BOX RENT	11.74
SEWER	TOSHIBA FINANCIAL SE	LEASE/MAINTENACE CONTRAC	33.94
		Total for Department 183	1,706.67*
		Total for Fund 63	8,843.73*
ARENA	HOMETOWN SANITATION	HAUL GARBAGE	130.88
ARENA	MAIL FINANCE	LEASE PAYMENT	19.31
ARENA	MN ENERGY RESOURCES	HEATING	1,605.02
ARENA	U S POSTAL SERVICE	POST OFFICE BOX RENT	11.73
ARENA	RON'S ELECTRIC INC	MAINTENANCE	107.86
ARENA	TOSHIBA FINANCIAL SE	LEASE/MAINTENACE CONTRAC	19.09
ARENA	MIDWEST GARAGE DOORS	MAINTENANCE	277.05
		Total for Department 184	2,170.94*
		Total for Fund 64	2,170.94*
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	MAIL FINANCE	LEASE PAYMENT	19.31
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	U S POSTAL SERVICE	POST OFFICE BOX RENT	11.73
		Total for Department 187	31.04*
		Total for Fund 67	31.04*
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	DATA-PAC MAILING SYS	MAIL METER RENTAL	156.75
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	H P SUDS CLUB, LLC.	BILLING CONTRACT SERVICE	593.74
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	HUBBARD BROADCASTING	SUBSCRIBER COUNT	412.20
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	MAIL FINANCE	LEASE PAYMENT	19.32
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	SOURCE ONE SOLUTIONS	POSTAGE	4.11
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	SOURCE ONE SOLUTIONS	UTILITY BILL SERVICES	1,821.82
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	CENTURY LINK	DIRECTORY LISTING	184.80
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	MN ENERGY RESOURCES	HEATING	101.92
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	U S POSTAL SERVICE	POST OFFICE BOX RENT	11.73
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	SHOWTIME NETWORKS IN	SUBSCRIBER	285.20
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	TOSHIBA FINANCIAL SE	LEASE/MAINTENACE CONTRAC	31.80
		Total for Department 199	3,623.39*
		Total for Fund 69	3,623.39*
AFLAC		INSURANCE	356.20
MN BENEFIT ASSOCIATI		INSURANCE	263.95
		Total for Department	620.15*
		Total for Fund 70	620.15*
		Grand Total	61,144.98*

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Department	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
CITY OFFICE	INDOFF, INC	SUPPLIES	-64.49
CITY OFFICE	HY-VEE FOOD STORE	MERCHANDISE	50.20
CITY OFFICE	NCPERS MINNESOTA	INSURANCE 844600	80.00
	Total for Department 103		65.71*
P & Z / BUILDING OFF	INDOFF, INC	SUPPLIES	41.55
P & Z / BUILDING OFF	NCPERS MINNESOTA	INSURANCE 844600	24.00
	Total for Department 106		65.55*
CITY HALL	JAY KUEHL	SNOW REMOVAL	60.00
	Total for Department 115		60.00*
POLICE	INDOFF, INC	SUPPLIES	48.45
POLICE	LUCIA BARRON DE MEHR	SERVICE	30.00
POLICE	LANGUAGE LINE SERVIC	SERVICE	18.23
POLICE	LEAGUE OF MN. CITIES	PATROL SUBSCRIPTION	680.00
POLICE	NCPERS MINNESOTA	INSURANCE 844600	144.00
POLICE	FLEET SERVICES DIVIS	LEASE CAR	2,217.74
	Total for Department 120		3,138.42*
FIRE DEPARTMENT	INDOFF, INC	SUPPLIES	39.30
FIRE DEPARTMENT	MARK MARCY	EXPENSE	174.63
FIRE DEPARTMENT	MN WEST COLLEGE - CA	TRAINING	375.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT	MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY	MAINTENANCE	662.23
	Total for Department 125		1,251.16*
STREET	INDOFF, INC	SUPPLIES	109.20
STREET	HOLT'S CLEANING SERV	CLEANING	1,442.82
STREET	HY-VEE FOOD STORE	MERCHANDISE	50.34
STREET	MN DEPT OF PUBLIC SA	SUPPLIES	24.00
STREET	NCPERS MINNESOTA	INSURANCE 844600	80.00
STREET	UNITED RENTALS INC	MAINTENANCE	54.36
	Total for Department 140		1,760.72*
PARKS	HOLT'S CLEANING SERV	CLEANING	1,442.81
PARKS	NCPERS MINNESOTA	INSURANCE 844600	16.00
	Total for Department 165		1,458.81*
	Total for Fund 01		7,800.37*
LIBRARY	JAY KUEHL	SNOW REMOVAL	60.00
	Total for Department 171		60.00*
	Total for Fund 03		60.00*
AMBULANCE	INDOFF, INC	SUPPLIES	821.87
AMBULANCE	HY-VEE FOOD STORE	MERCHANDISE	31.82
	Total for Department 176		853.69*
	Total for Fund 13		853.69*

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Department	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDI	HY-VEE FOOD STORE	MERCHANDISE	21.92
MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDI	NCPERS MINNESOTA	INSURANCE 844600	32.00
	Total for Department 177		53.92*
	Total for Fund 14		53.92*
LIQUOR	BEVERAGE WHOLESALERS	MERCHANDISE	3,100.34
LIQUOR	COCA-COLA BOTTLING C	MERCHANDISE	187.74
LIQUOR	EXTREME BEVERAGE, LL	MERCHANDISE	100.50
LIQUOR	WIRTZ BEVERAGE MN WI	MERCHANDISE	423.50
LIQUOR	HAGEN DISTRIBUTING	MERCHANDISE	2,850.80
LIQUOR	JOHNSON BROS.	MERCHANDISE	703.30
LIQUOR	NCPERS MINNESOTA	INSURANCE 844600	32.00
LIQUOR	QUALITY WINE SPIRITS	MERCHANDISE	4,170.66
LIQUOR	SOUTHERN WINE & SPIR	MERCHANDISE	457.33
LIQUOR	VINOCOPIA, INC	MERCHANDISE	528.00
LIQUOR	WINE MERCHANTS	MERCHANDISE	271.37
	Total for Department 180		12,825.54*
	Total for Fund 60		12,825.54*
	WENCK ASSOCIATES, IN	2012 6TH ST/RIVER RD PRO	4,263.30
	Total for Department		4,263.30*
WATER	H P SUDS CLUB, LLC.	BILLING CONTRACT SERVICE	208.33
WATER	NCPERS MINNESOTA	INSURANCE 844600	40.00
WATER	UNITED RENTALS INC	MAINTENANCE	40.77
WATER	WENCK ASSOCIATES, IN	LANDFILL	1,201.00
	Total for Department 181		1,490.10*
	Total for Fund 61		5,753.40*
	MICHELLE GRUNEWALD	REFUND - UTILITY PREPAYM	300.00
	Total for Department		300.00*
ELECTRIC	H P SUDS CLUB, LLC.	BILLING CONTRACT SERVICE	208.35
ELECTRIC	NCPERS MINNESOTA	INSURANCE 844600	96.00
ELECTRIC	HSBC BUSINESS SOLUTI	SUPPLIES	315.20
ELECTRIC	BRAD BUSSA	CLEANING	184.60
ELECTRIC	WENCK ASSOCIATES, IN	DIESEL TANK	466.50
ELECTRIC	WINDOM AREA HOSPITAL	UTILITY REFUND	13,028.64
	Total for Department 182		14,299.29*
	Total for Fund 62		14,599.29*
	ROBERT L. CARR	LIFT STATION PROJECT	83,319.75
	WENCK ASSOCIATES, IN	2012 6TH ST/RIVER RD PRO	2,842.20
	Total for Department		86,161.95*
SEWER	INDOFF, INC	SUPPLIES	21.36

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SEWER	H P SUDS CLUB, LLC.	BILLING CONTRACT SERVICE	208.33
SEWER	LUCAN COMMUNITY TV I	MAINTENANCE	96.19
SEWER	NCPERS MINNESOTA	INSURANCE 844600	56.00
SEWER	RON'S ELECTRIC INC	MAINTENANCE	398.77
SEWER	UNITED RENTALS INC	MAINTENANCE	40.77
SEWER	COLTON DUNSE	REFUND - SAFETY BOOTS	50.00
		Total for Department 183	871.42*
		Total for Fund 63	87,033.37*
ARENA	HY-VEE FOOD STORE	MERCHANDISE	8.14
ARENA	NCPERS MINNESOTA	INSURANCE 844600	32.00
		Total for Department 184	40.14*
		Total for Fund 64	40.14*
	ELECTRIC FUND	LOAN PAYMENT TO ELEC SPE	742.93
	FULDA AREA CREDIT UN	SPEC BLDG LOAN	1,871.30
		Total for Department	2,614.23*
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	INDOFF, INC	SUPPLIES	50.92
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	ELECTRIC FUND	LOAN PAYMENT TO ELEC SPE	206.56
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	FULDA AREA CREDIT UN	SPEC BLDG LOAN	1,488.70
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	NCPERS MINNESOTA	INSURANCE 844600	24.00
		Total for Department 187	1,770.18*
		Total for Fund 67	4,384.41*
	BRAD ANDERSON	REFUND - STATEMENT CREDI	.10
		Total for Department	.10*
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	B B C AMERICA	SUBSCRIBER	13.55
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	INDOFF, INC	SUPPLIES	52.14
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	DISH NETWORK	SERVICE	3,405.00
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	GLOBAL GOV'T/EDUCATI	MAINTENANCE	110.17
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	H P SUDS CLUB, LLC.	BILLING CONTRACT SERVICE	624.99
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	HY-VEE FOOD STORE	MERCHANDISE	419.23
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	META SWITCH NETWORKS	SUPPORT / SERVICE	14,071.00
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	CINNAMON MUELLER	SERVICE	658.00
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	NCPERS MINNESOTA	INSURANCE 844600	64.00
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	NEW STAR SALES & SER	COPIER MAINTENANCE	35.00
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	NEUSTAR, INC.	MAINTENANCE	546.70
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	RIVER CITY EATERY	EXPENSE	43.63
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	BRAD ANDERSON	REFUND - STATEMENT CREDI	1.46
		Total for Department 199	20,044.87*
		Total for Fund 69	20,044.97*
	JOHNSON COUNTY COURT	PAYROLL DEDUCTION CDDMO1	1,202.00
	LAW ENFORCMENT LABOR	UNION DUES	252.00

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Department	Vendor Name	Description	Amount
	LOCAL UNION #949	UNION DUES	1,625.70
	NCPERS MINNESOTA	INSURANCE 844600	32.00
		Total for Department	3,111.70*
		Total for Fund 70	3,111.70*
		Grand Total	156,560.80*

MEMORANDUM



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TO: Mayor and City Council
Department Heads

FROM: City Administrator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Jensen", is written over the printed name "City Administrator".

DATE: March 1, 2012

RE: Upcoming Vacation Dates – March 12, 2012 to March 16, 2012

I am planning on taking some vacation time from March 12 – March 16. During this time I will be available via cell phone at 319-321-2637. In my absence, Brigitte Olson, Assistant City Administrator, will be available to assist you. Thank you.

**CITY OF WINDOM
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
WINDOM-MOUNTAIN LAKE SMALL CITIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
2009 PROJECT CLOSE OUT**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of Windom, Minnesota, will hold a public hearing for the purpose of closing out the fourth Small Cities Development Program Comprehensive Project. This project was a joint program for the Cities of Windom and Mountain Lake which began in 2009 and was completed as of December 31, 2011.

The public hearing will be held in the **City Council Chambers at City Hall, 444 Ninth Street, Windom, Minnesota, on Tuesday, March 20, 2012, during the regular City Council Meeting which begins at 7:30 p.m.**

A representative from Western Community Action will provide a summary concerning the projects completed during this grant round. All interested citizens of Windom and Mountain Lake are invited to attend and provide comments on the housing rehabilitation project.

By Order of the City of Windom, Minnesota

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The League supports the amendments to the Senate bill, which are favorable to cities. [Read more.](#)

Fireworks Expansion Bill Advances

A bill to authorize local governments to issue fireworks use permits to private citizens was amended to remove local control and expand the sale and use of a wide range of explosives. [Read more.](#)

Senate Taxes Committee Considers Local Development Bills

City officials made their case on local tax increment bills, proving once again that local elected officials and staff are the best cheerleaders for their cause. [Read more.](#)

Bill Aims to Keep the Beer Flowing During a State Shutdown

Proposed legislation would allow a liquor store, restaurant, or bar to continue business in the event of a state shutdown as long as it has a valid local license. [Read more.](#)

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Cities may apply for TED grants for transportation projects that meet economic development objectives. [Read more.](#)

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Study group members expressed concern over the complicated nature of the LGA formula. [Read more.](#)

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State Budget Forecast Reveals \$323 Million Surplus



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The news was not dramatic when the state released its February Forecast this week, but the state's general fund budget took another small step forward as the state's economy continues its recovery from the deep recession of 2008-2009. This is the second consecutive forecast showing a budget surplus.

What's in it for cities?

For cities, the forecast suggests that local government aid (LGA) and other aid payments due to be paid in 2012 will be fully funded. However, most of the budget surplus must go toward paying back the schools, which means the restoration of previous aid cuts to cities is unlikely to happen this year. Expansion of the homeowner property tax refund program, and restoration of a homestead credit system are also unlikely during the 2012 session.

The League will present a free webinar on March 5 to discuss the meaning of the forecast for cities and give an update on other legislative issues.

- **Read more and register for the webinar Budget Forecast and Legislative Update** (*Link to: <http://www.lmc.org/page/1/webinar-springbudgetforecast.jsp>*)

A look at the numbers

Under the new forecast, which was unveiled Feb. 29 by State Economist Tom Stinson and Management and Budget Director Jim Schowalter, the state is now projected to end the current 2012-2013 biennium on June 30, 2013, with revenues exceeding expenditures by \$323 million. This improvement is due to a combination of slightly higher-than-expected revenues, which are projected to be up by \$93 million, or 0.3 percent, and slightly lower-than-expected expenditures, down an estimated \$230 million, or 0.7 percent. This forecast will guide Gov. Dayton and the Legislature through the remaining months of the 2012 legislative session.

The table below provides a snapshot of the changes in the February Forecast relative to the previous November 2011 Forecast.

FY 2012-13 State General Fund Forecast (\$ in millions)

	February Forecast	Change Compared to November Forecast
Beginning Balance	\$1,289	\$0
Revenues	\$33,793	+\$93
Spending	\$33,761	-\$230
Cash Flow Account	\$350	+\$0
Budget Reserve	\$648	+\$0
Forecast Balance	\$323	+\$323
Required Transfer to Budget Reserve		\$5
Required School Shift Buyback		\$318
Balance Available		\$0

How the money must be used

The February Forecast improvement is in addition to the projected \$876 million surplus from the November 2011 forecast. Under state law, the entire \$876 million November surplus was dedicated to replenishing the state's cash flow account to \$350 million and to replenish the state's budget reserve, which was restored to \$648 million of the statutorily required level of \$653 million.

Under the new forecast, the additional \$323 million February surplus is also dedicated to various purposes. The first \$5 million will be used to fully restore the state's budget reserve to \$653 million, while the balance, or \$318 million, must be used to restore school funding shifts that were enacted to balance the budget in recent legislative sessions.

The \$318 million repayment of school funds is only a relative drop in the bucket. Under current law, the state will still have to repay more than \$2.4 billion in delayed school payments. In addition, the state is statutorily required to repay roughly \$15 million to the state airports fund and \$15 million to the state fire safety account. These latter repayment obligations will only be fulfilled after the state repays all of the \$2.4 billion in school district payment delays.

Slow recovery

Stinson called the forecast relatively good news for the state's general fund but cautioned that the economic recovery continues to be relatively slow. He indicated that the February forecast projects real gross domestic product (GDP) growth of 2.1 percent in 2012 and 2.3 percent in 2013. The November baseline called for real growth rates of 1.6 percent and 2.5 percent respectively.

Stinson also indicated that the state's economic forecasting advisor, Global Insight, has now reduced the probability of a recession in 2012 from 40 percent to 25 percent while the forecast also suggests that the probability that the economy will outperform the baseline has increased from 10 percent to 20 percent.

Stinson warned that economic forecasting has become more difficult, due in part to the current status of the federal budget and the possibility that automatic budget cuts and revenue increases at the federal level could be triggered if Congress and the president are unable to reach

agreement on the federal budget and deficit reduction.

Global Insight's February baseline forecast assumes that the president and Congress will reach a "grand bargain" in 2013, which will replace the current law's automatically triggered spending cuts and tax increases scheduled to begin in January 2013, with smaller spending cuts and a smaller increase in individual income taxes beginning in 2014. Global Insight estimates that if Congress and the president cannot reach the "grand bargain," they will reduce their forecast for real GDP growth in 2013 by 2.5 percent, which would have a negative impact on the state's estimates of revenue growth.

Looking ahead

The forecast not only updates the state's general fund status for the current fiscal year (FY) 2013-2014 biennium, but it also projects the state's budget status for the FY 2014-2015 biennium, which begins on July 1, 2013. According to the forecast, the FY 2014-2015 budget will have a deficit of \$1.1 billion, which is a slight improvement from the projection of a \$1.3 billion shortfall in last November's budget forecast.

- **Access the February Forecast on the Minnesota Management and Budget website** (Link to: <http://www.mmb.state.mn.us/feb12-general-fund>)

Read the current issue of the Cities Bulletin (Link to: <http://www.lmc.org/page/1/cities-bulletin-newsletter.jsp>)

15-Minute Advocate: Organized Solid Waste Collection Could Trigger Inverse Condemnation



Contact your legislator this week to express concerns about a bill that would create a takings claims if organized solid waste collection affects a private business.

(Published Mar 1, 2012)

1. Get Informed

HF 2084 (Link to: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=House&f=HF2084&ssn=0&y=2011) (**Rep.**

Kirk Stensrud (Link to: http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/members/members.asp?leg_id=15368), R-Eden Prairie) and **SF 1664**

(Link to: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=Senate&f=SF1664&ssn=0&y=2011&ls=87) (**Sen. Julianne**

Ortman (Link to: http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/members/member_bio.php?leg_id=10802), R-Chanhassen) create a cause of action for a party to force a condemnation proceeding to commence if his or her business is prevented in any manner, directly or indirectly, from providing solid waste services in a community.

The proposal raises substantial concerns for all levels of local government. The League, the Association of Minnesota Counties, Metro Cities, the Minnesota Inter-County Alliance, the Minnesota Association of Townships, the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and the Resource Recovery Association all oppose this legislation and are working together to prevent its passage.

The city would be exposed to claims for lost business and stranded capital costs if any action it

took played a part in either providing that service or limiting the number of businesses that are allowed to provide service to a community and that resulted in a business losing access to that market.

2. Take Action

Please share the following concerns, as well as specific examples from your city, with **your legislators** (Link to: <http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/comm/committeemembers.asp?comm=87009>) as soon as possible:

- **Creates open liability:** The unknown liability this creates would effectively make it impossible for a city to choose organized collection as an option.
- **Conflicts with solid waste laws:** Chapter 115A of Minnesota law actually takes the opposite position of this proposed legislation and not only strongly encourages organized collection of solid waste, but *requires* cities and towns to implement county solid waste plans and organized collection ordinances. If changes are going to be made regarding whether organized collection should be done, then these changes should be made in solid waste law, not in condemnation law. This language exposes cities to significant liability simply for implementing state-mandated policies.
- **Discourages improvements:** This policy change would create unknown and potentially extreme financial liability for any community that attempts to use organized solid waste or recycling collection for public health, safety, infrastructure impact, environmental protection, or efficiency reasons. Cooperative efforts by local governments to address solid waste management issues would face unknown additional costs. While the language theoretically allows organized collection, the unknown financial liabilities would, in fact, prohibit communities from using this practice to address local concerns.
- **Affects public safety:** One of the common reasons that a city considers organized collection is to limit the number of large trucks traveling through residential and school areas. This change would require cities to face an unknown financial liability for making that choice.
- **Prohibits new businesses from competing:** Under this legislation, once a company receives a contract for solid waste collection in a community, they are guaranteed to keep their share of the local market in perpetuity as long as they are not operating in a criminal or fraudulent manner or they do not violate the terms of the contract. If they lose that market share, they have a takings claim against the community. If, at the end of a hauling company's contract, a new company entered the bidding for a contract and the existing provider loses their contract to serve the area as a result, this language would allow the displaced company to claim damages against the city for limiting the number of providers that are allowed in the community. Use of organized collection to generate competitive bidding on contracts to keep local garbage rates low would be seriously restricted or eliminated.

The House has amended the bill to address city concerns about effects on existing organized collection. However, the Senate bill has not yet been amended and the above concerns remain with both bills. (**See related article.**) (Link to: <http://www.lmc.org/page/1/inversecondemnation.jsp>)

3. Stay Informed

Legislation was heard in both the House and Senate this week. The bill was heard by the **House Government Operations and Elections Committee** ([Link to: http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/comm/committee.asp?comm=87009](http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/comm/committee.asp?comm=87009)) on Wednesday and was passed as amended on a party-line vote to the **House Civil Law Committee** ([Link to: http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/comm/committee.asp?comm=87003](http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/comm/committee.asp?comm=87003)). A hearing in the committee is expected to occur in the next two weeks.

The bill will be heard by the **Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee** ([Link to: http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/committees/committee_bio.php?cmte_id=3053&ls=](http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/committees/committee_bio.php?cmte_id=3053&ls=)) at 1 p.m. on March 1.

Contact your legislators ([Link to: http://www.gis.leg.mn/OpenLayers/districts/](http://www.gis.leg.mn/OpenLayers/districts/)) *immediately* to raise concerns listed above.

Read the current issue of the Cities Bulletin ([Link to: http://www.lmc.org/page/1/cities-bulletin-newsletter.jsp](http://www.lmc.org/page/1/cities-bulletin-newsletter.jsp))

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Legislation Modifying Interim Zoning Moratorium Amended in Senate Committee



The League supports the amendments to the Senate bill, which are favorable to cities.

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SF 270 ([Link to: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=Senate&f=SF0270&ssn=0&y=2012](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=Senate&f=SF0270&ssn=0&y=2012)), legislation modifying the interim zoning moratorium and park dedication fee statues, passed the **Senate Local Government and Elections Committee** ([Link to: http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/committees/committee_bio.php?cmte_id=3052&ls=](http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/committees/committee_bio.php?cmte_id=3052&ls=)) on a party-line vote after being amended by the bill's author, **Sen. Ray Vandever** ([Link to: http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/members/member_bio.php?district=52&ls=](http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/members/member_bio.php?district=52&ls=)) (R-Forest Lake).

The League, the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC), and the Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT) had withdrawn their opposition to an earlier version of the bill after reaching a compromise with the bill's chief proponent, the Builders Association of the Twin Cities

(BATC), and the House author, **Rep. Michael Beard** (*Link to: <http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/members/members.asp?id=10754>*) (R-Shakopee).

The new Senate language is more favorable to cities. While the House bill would require a two-thirds vote to pass an interim ordinance and moratorium, the amended Senate language keeps the current simple majority requirement in place.

As reported by the League last week, the House version created a new timeline and notice requirement, referred to as a “30-day window,” that a city would have to follow to ensure that a moratorium would apply to a pending, complete application. The 30-day window was triggered at a city’s first public meeting “following receipt of an application deemed complete.” This provision generated significant confusion.

Senate bill creates new “60-day window”

The proposed law does not change the familiar requirements of the 60-Day Rule, so cities still have 15 days from the receipt of an application to determine if it is complete. Under the Senate bill, once a city deems an application complete, it will have 60 days to pass an interim ordinance and moratorium in order for the moratorium to apply to the applicant’s project.

A moratorium adopted within this window will apply to all projects. A moratorium passed after the window will apply to any applications received after the date of enactment, but will not apply to a complete application pending at the time the public notice of the meeting was published.

In practice, the changes will only impact a city that wishes to pass an interim ordinance at the time an application for a use or development is received. An interim ordinance that is passed prior to receipt of a complete application would always apply to a project. And an incomplete application will not trigger the 60-day window unless a city fails to provide the notice of missing information currently required by the 60-Day Rule.

As introduced, the bill created a huge loophole that would allow pending, and even incomplete, applications to be exempted from a moratorium passed after the application was filed with a city. The League strongly opposed the loophole, while BATC and the bill authors felt that a moratorium should be put in place early in the application process to prevent developers or other applicants from incurring costs on a project that could then be delayed for up to a year. This loophole was removed as part of the compromise on the House bill and replaced with language that would still allow local governments a window of opportunity to place an existing application on hold while it undertakes a study related to the proposed use.

Park dedication fee language removed in Senate

The House bill also contains amendments to the portion of the zoning statute authorizing collection of park dedication fees. This language is not included in the Senate version of the bill.

The house version of the bill, **HF 389** (*Link to: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=House&f=HF389&ssn=0&y=2011*) (Rep. Beard), passed the **House Government Operations and Elections Committee** (*Link to: <http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/comm/committee.asp?comm=87009>*) on a largely party-line vote, and will likely be voted on by the full House in the coming weeks. If the House and Senate

bills are not identical, the differences will have to be resolved in a conference committee. Gov. Dayton has expressed concerns with earlier versions of the bill, and it is unclear whether he would sign the legislation into law.

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Fireworks Expansion Bill Advances

A bill to authorize local governments to issue fireworks use permits to private citizens was amended to remove local control and expand the sale and use of a wide range of explosives.

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A bill that, as introduced, would have authorized local units of government to issue fireworks use permits to private citizens was amended in the committee process to remove local control and expand the sale and use of a wide range of explosives.

The bill, **HF 1774** (*Link to: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=House&f=HF1774&ssn=0&y=2011*) (**Rep. John Kriesel** (*Link to: http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/members/members.asp?leg_id=15354*), R-Cottage Grove), was heard and amended with a **delete-everything amendment (pdf)** (*Link to:*

<http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/comm/docs/HF1774A12-0666amendment.pdf>) in the **House Public Safety and Crime Prevention Committee** (*Link to: <http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/comm/committee.asp?comm=87015>*) on Feb. 23. It was recommended to pass on a voice vote and re-referred to the **House Commerce and Regulatory Reform Committee** (*Link to: <http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/comm/committee.asp?comm=87004>*).

The current version of HF 1774:

- Defines fireworks as “any device intended to produce visible effects, audible effects, or both by combustion, deflagration, or detonation, and includes display fireworks.”
- Categorizes fireworks that are legal under existing law (sparklers, snakes, glow worms, etc.) as “novelty items.”
- Defines “display fireworks” as those intended for commercial display.
- Defines “consumer fireworks” to be consistent with the definition of “fireworks” minus the

“display fireworks” language.

- Prohibits local units of government from “...enacting any ordinance, rule, or regulation that prohibits, limits, or restricts the wholesale or retail sale of sparkling devices and novelties.” Local governments also are prohibited under the measure from imposing fees on retailers who sell novelties.
- Prohibits use by the public of fireworks and novelties on public property.
- Allows local governments to require annual licensing fees for the retail sale of consumer fireworks (but not novelties).
- Restricts the purchase of fireworks and novelties to persons aged 18 or older.
- Changes the requirement that a person using fireworks must be certified, to say that a person using “display fireworks” must be certified.
- Allows unregulated purchase and use of consumer fireworks for persons over the age of 18.

Representatives of the fire service testified against the bill and expressed concerns that the expanded use of fireworks brings the potential for increases in injuries and fire calls. On behalf of the League, one of the testifiers noted the League’s longstanding opposition to any expansion in the allowable use of consumer fireworks.

The Senate companion to HF 1774, **SF 1694** ([Link to: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=Senate&f=SF1694&ssn=0&y=2012](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=Senate&f=SF1694&ssn=0&y=2012)) (**Sen. Doug Magnus** ([Link to: http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/members/member_bio.php?leg_id=10775](http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/members/member_bio.php?leg_id=10775)), R-Slayton), was introduced earlier this month and referred to the **Judiciary and Public Safety Committee** ([Link to: http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/committees/committee_bio.php?cmte_id=3053&ls=](http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/committees/committee_bio.php?cmte_id=3053&ls=)). It has not yet been scheduled for a hearing.

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Senate Taxes Committee Considers Local Development Bills

City officials made their case on local tax increment bills, proving once again that local elected officials and staff are the best cheerleaders for their cause.

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The **Senate Taxes Committee** ([Link to: http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/committees/committee_bio.php?cmte_id=1019&ls=](http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/committees/committee_bio.php?cmte_id=1019&ls=)) ON Feb. 28 and 29 took up a series of mostly local bills related to necessary tax increment finance (TIF) changes for local projects. Several city officials testified about bills for their cities.

The bills include:

- **SF 1676** (Link to: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=Senate&f=SF1676&ssn=0&y=2012) (**Sen. Chris Gerlach** (Link to: http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/members/member_bio.php?leg_id=10208), R-Apple Valley), extending TIF for Apple Valley.
- **SF 1677** (Link to: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=Senate&f=SF1677&ssn=0&y=2012) (**Sen. Gerlach**), authorizing TIF for Apple Valley.
- **SF 1619** (Link to: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=Senate&f=SF1619&ssn=0&y=2012) (**Sen. Charles Wiger** (Link to: http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/members/member_bio.php?leg_id=10713), DFL-Oakdale), extending TIF for Apple Valley.
- **SF 2016** (Link to: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=Senate&f=SF2016&ssn=0&y=2012) (**Sen. Benjamin Kruse** (Link to: http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/members/member_bio.php?leg_id=15333), R-Brooklyn Park), providing housing TIF modifications.
- **SF 2040** (Link to: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=Senate&f=SF2040&ssn=0&y=2012) (**Sen. James Metzen** (Link to: http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/members/member_bio.php?leg_id=10426), DFL-South St. Paul), authorizing TIF for Dakota County.
- **SF 2109** (Link to: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=Senate&f=SF2109&ssn=0&y=2012) (**Sen. John Howe** (Link to: http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/members/member_bio.php?leg_id=15332), R-Red Wing), changing definition for redevelopment TIF.

Virtually everything was laid over for possible inclusion in a future omnibus bill, which is common for these types of bills. Most of the comments came from the Senate Taxes Chair **Julianne Ortman** (Link to: http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/members/member_bio.php?mem_id=1044&ls=) (R-Chanhassen), who was especially interested in those requesting extensions for projects that are ready to go and would result in job creation.

Members also wanted to know whether there was statewide interest for a gravel pit/mining redevelopment project. Apple Valley's SF 1677 would allow them a special redevelopment district for the city of Apple Valley. Sen. Ortman urged those in attendance to see if there was statewide application for such an allowance. Interested cities should contact Jennifer O'Rourke (see right) as soon as possible.

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Bill Aims to Keep the Beer Flowing During a State Shutdown



Proposed legislation would allow a liquor store, restaurant, or bar to continue business in the event of a state shutdown as long as it has a valid local license.
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HF 2463 (Link to: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=House&f=HF2463&ssn=0&y=2011) (**Rep. Mike LeMieur** (Link to: http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/members/members.asp?leg_id=15357), R-Little Falls), a bill that would allow establishments to continue serving liquor during a state shutdown, cleared its first committee hurdle on Feb. 28 with a short hearing in the **House Commerce & Regulatory Reform Committee** (Link to: <http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/comm/committee.asp?comm=87004>).

The short bill adds language to **Minnesota Statutes, section 340A.301, subdivision 6a** (Link to: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=340A.301>) to state that “in the event that an on-sale or off-sale license has been issued and the state is unable to issue a card, the license shall be deemed sufficient to allow purchase until the state is able to issue the necessary card.”

A representative of the Minnesota Licensed Beverage Association (MLBA) testified during the hearing. MLBA representatives took this issue to the special master during the state shutdown hearings last summer, and this bill would put into law their request for business to continue. The non-controversial bill passed out to the **House Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Finance Committee** (Link to: <http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/comm/committee.asp?comm=87015>).

The “buyer’s card” issue was one that received a lot of press coverage during the state shutdown as many businesses across the state found themselves without a processed application that would renew their buyer’s card and allow them to buy alcohol from distributors.

While committee discussion was short, one member raised the issue that others with licenses were impacted by the state shutdown last summer. Another pointed out that if this bill was traveling on its own, it could be added to the omnibus liquor bill. Rep. LeMieur signaled to members of the committee that he doesn’t like the idea of adding it to another bill.

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Transportation Economic Development Grants Available



Cities may apply for TED grants for transportation projects that meet economic development objectives.

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The Commissioners of the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) and the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) have announced a joint solicitation for the 2012 Transportation Economic Development (TED) program. This solicitation follows the 2010 TED pilot program, which provided \$34 million in state matching funds for 10 projects throughout Minnesota.

The 2012 TED program is designed to address both the state's transportation system needs and economic development objectives; to create and preserve well-paying jobs across the state; and to leverage private and local investment in transportation infrastructure improvements.

The program will be funded in this round with \$20 million in MnDOT trunk highway funds and up to \$10 million in DEED general obligation bonding authority. (The final amount of DEED funds remains to be determined pending legislative action over the next few weeks.) Any public entity is eligible to submit an application for TED funding.

Learn more about the TED grant program (*Link to: <http://tinyurl.com/PositivelyMinnesota2012TED>*)

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LGA Study Group Hears About Tax-Exempt Property and More



Study group members expressed concern over the complicated nature of the LGA formula.

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In its third meeting on Feb. 17, the LGA Study Group heard presentations from House Research and Senate Counsel staff on tax-exempt property, overburden concepts, and estimates for 2013 local government aid (LGA) payments.

Much like during the first two meetings, there was some discussion of defining what basic

services and service levels are. Members expressed concern over the complicated nature of the LGA formula, and stressed that LGA should be considered in the context of all the property tax relief programs the state administers.

Rep. Linda Runbeck (*Link to: <http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/members/members.asp?id=10575>*) (R-Circle Pines), chair of the study group, tasked each member with putting together a list of questions related to the LGA formula and/or suggestions for new ways to model LGA.

Learn more about the LGA Study Group and access materials from the meeting (*Link to: <http://www.commissions.leg.state.mn.us/lga/lga.html>*)

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Important Election-Related Dates for Cities

Cities have a long to-do list full of specific deadlines when it comes to preparing for elections.

State general election day is Nov. 6, 2012. State primary election day is Aug. 14, 2012. Whether or not your city has a primary election, many things need to occur between now and Election Day.

The League has compiled a list of important election-related dates for the next four months. A complete list will be available in the League's 2012 Calendar of Important Election Dates, coming out in early April or sooner.

- **View important election-related dates over the next four months (pdf)** *(Link to: <http://www.lmc.org/media/document/1/electiondates022912.pdf>)*
- **Learn more about elections on the Office of Secretary of State website** *(Link to: <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/>)*

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Seeking Nominations for MN Women in City Government Leadership Awards

Minnesota Women in City Government (MWCG) will offer Leadership Awards to two outstanding women in Minnesota city government in 2012. One award will be presented to an elected woman in city government, and another award will go to an appointed woman in city government. Both winners will be recognized for individual achievement in their city as well as leadership and mentoring roles both inside and outside of their communities.

MWCG is now seeking nominations for both awards. The MWCG Leadership Awards are open to all women elected and appointed Minnesota city officials. A panel of judges representing MWCG and the League of Minnesota Cities will determine the finalists and the winner of the awards. Current members of the MWCG Board of Directors are not eligible to be nominated for the award.

Finalists for the awards will be announced in advance of the LMC Annual Conference. The winners will be announced and honored, along with the other finalists, during the Annual MWCG Membership Meeting on June 20 in Duluth during the League's Annual Conference.

Nominations are due by **April 27**. Completed nomination forms and nominating statements should be sent via e-mail as attachments to sandraneans@charter.net (Link to: <mailto:sandraneans@charter.net>) or mailed to MWCG, c/o Sandra Means, 105 26th St. NW, Rochester, MN 55901.

- **View the MWCG Leadership Award Program Overview and Nominating Statement information (pdf)** (Link to: http://www.lmc.org/media/document/1/mwcg_awardinfo.pdf)
- **View the MWCG Leadership Award nomination form (pdf)** (Link to: http://www.lmc.org/media/document/1/mwcg_nominationform.pdf)

Past MWCG Leadership Award winners

2011 Susan Banovetz, Mayor, City of Vadnais Heights Kandis Hanson, City Manager, City of Mound

2010

Jane Robbins, Mayor, City of Pine City Lisa Vatnsdal, Neighborhood Services Manager, City of Moorhead

2009

Pat Coupanger, Councilmember, City of Elmore Laurie Ahrens, City Manager, City of Plymouth

2008

Elizabeth Kuoppala, Councilmember, City of Eveleth Theresa Goble, Finance Director, City of Brainerd

2007

Brenda Johnson, Councilmember and Vice Mayor, City of Chatfield

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CSF Community Conversations

Residents weigh in on the future of cities, services, and funding

(Updated Feb. 27, 2012)

The League recently completed the Community Conversations phase of the "Cities, Services & Funding" initiative, and plans to publish a report in April that will detail the findings. In addition the League has produced three new videos about the Community Conversations.

A total of 40 cities submitted applications to be considered as host communities for the Community Conversations phase of the "Cities, Services & Funding" initiative. From those, the League chose 12 sites based on ability to identify and engage community partnering groups that could supply participants, on population size, and on geographic location. Those cities were Austin, Bemidji, Circle Pines, Duluth, Eden Prairie, Eveleth, Hastings, Moorhead, Northfield, St. Cloud, St. James, and St. Paul.

Four conversations with city residents were held in each location over the months of May through October of 2011. The first conversation in each city dealt with the services cities provide and resident service preferences; the second with how services are delivered and resident preferences for service delivery; and the third with how services are paid for and resident funding preferences. The fourth meeting addressed resident values and considerations that drove service preferences.

Rather than send out general calls for all city residents to attend one of the first three meetings, the League instead worked with community organizations that had regularly scheduled meetings or standard gatherings to secure attendees. Community Conversations were held at meetings of the Chamber of Commerce or Rotary Club, at local colleges, local churches, senior centers, and other places where people congregate.

For the fourth meeting, invitations were issued to all participants of the first three meetings, plus any other interested residents in the community. All told, nearly 750 Minnesotans representing a diverse spread of ages, income levels, ethnicities, and political leanings took part in the conversations.

Community Conversations videos

The League's three short videos about the Conversations, produced by Haberman Storytellers, have been posted to YouTube. Each video is approximately five to six minutes in length.

- **Access all the videos on the League's Cities Matter YouTube channel** (Link to: <http://www.youtube.com/citiesmatter>)
- **Watch Community Conversations: Background** (Link to: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IHGHlvHefnY&context=C3e081f5ADOEgsToPDskKFNTut3Cc_aaVvZE2SOwNg)
- **Watch Community Conversations: Findings** (Link to: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I_ywWQPgprs&context=C3e081f5ADOEgsToPDskKFNTut3Cc_aaVvZE2SOwNg)
- **Watch Community Voices** (Link to: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kj27_gcpwr8&context=C3e081f5ADOEgsToPDskKFNTut3Cc_aaVvZE2SOwNg)

Production of the videos was made possible, in part, by a grant from the Bush Foundation's InCommons initiative. One video highlights the background of the project, the second describes some of the initial findings, and the third features comments from residents who participated in one of the four conversations that were conducted in his or her home community.

In August, KSMQ-TV in Austin filmed segments of the fourth and final conversation in that city for use in a documentary about the Cities, Services & Funding initiative.

- **Watch the KSMQ-TV documentary on YouTube** (*Link to: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3msvM6aTzKg>*)
(approximately 60 minutes)
- **Read more about Cities, Services & Funding** (*Link to: <http://www.lmc.org/page/1/cities-services-funding.jsp>*)

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New OSA Report Highlights Collaboration Best Practices

The Office of the State Auditor (OSA) has released its newest best practices report: *Collaboration Part 1: Initiating, Building and Maintaining Governmental Relationships*.

The bulk of the report is made up of examples of relationship-building from local governments around the state. The OSA is planning two additional reports in the series.

- **Access the collaboration report on the OSA website** (*Link to: <http://www.auditor.state.mn.us/default.aspx?page=20120224.001>*)

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Recent League Appointments

CriMNet Metro Appointment

White Bear Lake Councilmember Doug Biehn was appointed by the League on Feb. 16 as the metro area appointee to the Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CriMNet) Task Force. Minnetonka Councilmember Brad Wiersum was designated as the alternate appointee for this position on the task force.

The LMC has four representatives on the Task Force: one member representing Greater Minnesota (St. Charles Mayor Bill Spitzer), one member representing the seven-county metropolitan area (Biehn), and two city attorneys (Amy Schmidt of Bloomington and Eileen Wells of Mankato).

CriMNet provides key oversight to the state's integrated criminal justice information system, also known as CriMNet. Elected and appointed officials from the seven-county metro area are eligible to serve in this appointment position. The task force meets four times per year and makes policy recommendations to the CriMNet Policy Group, the decision-making body responsible for CriMNet policy and implementation.

1300 Code Administration Committee

Inver Grove Heights Chief Building Official **Frank Martin** was appointed by the League on Nov. 17 to the 1300 Code Administration Committee. Rockville Councilmember **Duane Willenbring** was designated as the alternate appointee for the committee.

The Minnesota Department of Labor & Industry (DLI) asked the League to appoint a primary and alternate appointee to the committee. The 1300 Code Administration Committee is charged with assisting with amendments to the code administration chapter for the State Building Code. The DLI's Construction Code and Licensing Division is the staffing agency for this advisory committee. The committee plans to begin meeting by December, and is expected to complete its work by March 2012.

Local Road Advisory Committee

Austin Councilmember **Roger Boughton** and Benson City Manager **Rob Wolfington** were appointed by the League on Oct. 20 to serve on the Local Road Advisory Committee. Boughton will represent cities with populations over 5,000, and Wolfington will represent cities with populations under 5,000. Burnsville Councilmember **Dan Kealey** will act as an alternate for the appointment representing cities with populations over 5,000.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) asked the League to recommend one elected or appointed city official to serve as a representative for cities over 5,000 in population, and one elected or appointed city official to serve as a representative for cities under 5,000 in population for the Local Road Advisory Committee. The committee is made up of three other appointees: county commissioner, county engineer, and city engineer.

The Local Road Advisory Committee was created in 2005 to develop criteria for distribution of funds in the Local Road Improvement Fund's Routes of Regional Significance Account. MnDOT will use the

Local Road Advisory Committee for feedback and recommendations on the use of the Local Road Improvement Program funds now available for distribution. The committee is expected to begin meeting soon.

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OSA Performance Measurement Program Update

The Office of the State Auditor (OSA) is working on developing requirements for how cities should report the results of performance measurement surveys conducted during 2011.

OSA staff members hope to have those requirements available to cities by May 1. Cities that choose to participate in the performance measurement program for 2012 must report to the OSA by July 1, 2012, that they have adopted and implemented both the performance benchmarks and the performance measurement system released by the Council on Local Results and Innovation in February 2011. A declaration will be required that the city/county has reported or will report the results for calendar year 2011 of the 10 adopted measures to its residents before the end of calendar year 2012.

- **Learn more about the program from the OSA website** (*Link to: <http://www.auditor.state.mn.us/default.aspx?page=20110525.013>*)

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LMC Communications Audit: Members Give High Ratings, Offer Ideas for Improvement

In our recent audit of League communications, we found that members are satisfied with the communications they receive from the League, but we also learned of some opportunities for improvement.

The League conducted this communications study in an effort to learn how to better communicate and share important information with you, our members. We had a great response to our survey and focus groups, and we want to thank everyone who participated!

As part of the audit, consultants from Gill Research in Chicago conducted individual in-depth interviews with League staff and Board members, member focus groups, and a member survey. The consultants also did a communications vehicle analysis and best practices review.

Highlights of the results

Overall, the study showed that League communication vehicles are rated highly and relied upon by members. The highest-rated League communications vehicles are webinars, Minnesota Cities magazine, and the Cities Bulletin. Members also said they rely highly on the LMC website to get information from the League.

Members reported that the frequency and amount of League communication are “just right.” However, some members aren’t aware of all the various communications vehicles that are available from the League.

Members also indicated they’d like to see more information that is targeted to specific groups within cities (e.g., elected officials versus city staff, small cities versus large). In addition, they said the League could do a better job of explaining what the information means to individual cities.

Members are also interested in more opportunities to provide opinions and feedback to the League, as well as more ways to communicate with each other. Almost all members responding to the survey expressed interest in having cities share case studies, and in communicating with other members through some type of online forum.

What’s next?

The League is currently working on developing a new communications plan based on the audit results, and will be implementing some changes over the next few months. We look forward to using the information you gave us to improve our ongoing communications.

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Surplus Now, Debt Later

Minnesota's state budget forecast continues to improve. The new February Forecast projects a \$323 million surplus for the current state budget cycle, which ends July 2013. The projected surplus is due to a \$93 million increase in revenue and a \$232 million decrease in spending. By law, the forecasted surplus must go towards restoring the state reserves and cash flow account and then repaying the school shift. In combination with the \$876 million surplus from the November Forecast, which also by law had to go to these areas, the state will have a full reserve of \$653 million, a full cash flow account at \$350 million, and will repay \$318 million (11%) of the \$2.75 billion school payment shift.

However, the good news for this budget cycle is muted by the deficit facing legislators elected this fall. The official budget deficit projected for 2014-2015 biennium is \$1.1 billion. If inflation is included, the deficit grows to \$2.2 billion and it balloons to \$4.6 billion if schools are repaid in full in the next biennial budget.

Greater MN Angel Bill Heard in House

On Feb. 28, the CGMC's Greater Minnesota Angel Investment Tax Credit bill (H.F. 2332) was heard in the House Jobs and Economic Development Finance Committee. This bill is part of the CGMC's Greater Minnesota Economic Recovery Plan.

The bulk of the discussion centered on whether increasing the tax credit for Greater Minnesota was the preferred policy choice to boost entrepreneurial development in the rural areas. In 2011, only 11 of the 113 businesses that received an investment under the Angel program were located in Greater Minnesota (10%); only 13% of the total investments in 2011 were in Greater Minnesota (\$8.3 million in Greater MN; \$54.7 million in the metro area). See attached chart for more detail. The CGMC bill would increase the tax credit by 25% (from 25% to 50%) for an investment in a Greater Minnesota qualified small business to help close this gap.

The bill's author, Rep. Rich Murray (R-Albert Lea) received a commitment to continue working with the committee to identify ways to help boost entrepreneurial development in Greater Minnesota. For more information about this bill, or the CGMC's economic development program in general, please contact J.D. Burton with Flaherty & Hood, P.A.

Intern Bill Heard in Two More Committees

The CGMC's Greater Minnesota Internship Program bill was heard in two committees this week as it moves its way toward the tax bill. This bill is also part of the CGMC's Greater Minnesota Economic Recovery Plan.

On Feb. 29, the Senate Higher Education Committee passed the bill (S.F. 1869, Miller) and sent it to Senate Taxes. On Mar. 1, the House Tax Committee heard the bill (H.F. 2210, Banaian) and laid it over for possible



inclusion in an omnibus tax bill. The program was well received in both committees and continues to generate positive reviews from the Legislature. For more information about this bill, or the CGMC's economic development program in general, please contact J.D. Burton with Flaherty & Hood, P.A.

Worthington Joins Partnership Program

The City of Worthington recently joined the CGMC Economic Development Partnership Program as a silver-level member. We thank Worthington for their strong support of job growth and investments in Greater Minnesota's economy. The CGMC continues to encourage other cities, chambers of commerce, EDAs, and businesses to join this partnership.

PROFIT Bill Advancing in Senate

The Performance Rewards on Fast Investment Today (PROFIT) bill, a potential successor to the JOBZ program first mentioned in the Feb. 16 edition of the CGMC in Brief, received its first hearing in the Senate on Feb. 28. S.F. 1421, authored by Senate Majority Leader Senjem (R-Rochester) would provide sales, property, and motor vehicle tax refunds to businesses in targeted industries that create 10 full-time jobs at designated salary levels and invest \$500,000 in a business construction project. Businesses would apply with DEED and local units of government to receive the tax benefits, which could last up to 12 years. The bill was re-referred to the Tax Committee for further consideration.

Chamber Support is Growing

The chambers of Cloquet, Granite Falls, and Worthington have joined the growing contingent of Greater Minnesota chambers of commerce to adopt positions or resolutions against the supermajority constitutional amendment and in favor of the Greater Minnesota Economic Recovery Plan. Please continue to encourage your local chambers of commerce to take a stand on these important CGMC issues!

International Falls Mayor to Serve on Transportation Advisory Committee

Gov. Dayton recently announced the membership of the MnDOT Commissioner's Transportation Finance Advisory Committee, which is charged with figuring out how to best pay for Minnesota's transportation systems.

The committee includes representation from state agencies, elected officials, transportation authorities, businesses, chambers, labor, higher education, and local governments. CGMC is pleased that International Falls Mayor Shawn Mason was selected to serve on this panel. Greater Minnesota is also represented in the appointments of Cal Brink (Marshall Chamber of Commerce), Harlen Madsen (Kandiyohi County), and Adolph Ojard (Duluth Seaway Authority). Rep. Terry Morrow (DFL-St. Peter) has asked to be the House DFL designee.

This group will identify transportation investment opportunities that will help grow the economy, examine possible revenue sources, and explore public-private partnerships. A report of their recommendations is due to the legislature by December 1, 2012.



Budget Reporting Mandate Moves Forward

The bill requiring additional budget information to be made available to the public continues to wind its way through the legislature. The bill, H.F. 1954/S.F. 1741, received a hearing in the House Property Tax Division on Feb. 29, but was tabled in favor of more discussion at a later date. The bill also received its first Senate hearing in the Local Government and Elections Committee on Feb. 27 and was re-referred to the Judiciary Committee. The tabling of the bill in the House and the strange path that it seems to be taking in the Senate clearly suggests that many in the legislature want this bill to get a lot of scrutiny before it is potentially passed. The CGMC has been working with the League of Minnesota Cities and the various county lobbying groups to put the brakes on this effort. This bill is clearly another unfunded mandate for which compliance would be difficult for many cities, especially smaller ones. Should you have any questions about the bill, please contact Bradley Peterson.

Water Conservation Rate Bill Progresses

The Department of Natural Resources has been negotiating the language of H.F. 1923/S.F. 1560 with the bill authors. Rather than completely repealing the conservation rate requirement, cities will be given an option to demonstrate they are achieving conservation. Under the proposed amendment, suppliers must encourage water conservation, but it can be through practices other than conservation rates. The new language also specifies that the DNR and the water supplier will work together to achieve demand reduction measures when performing the water supply plan review. The goal of this language is to emphasize that individual city circumstances and programs will be considered when constructing the overall water plan. It also provides flexibility for cities with successful past efforts or special challenges with wet industries. The DNR compromise language has not been added to the bill, but it is the understanding of CGMC Environmental Lobbyist Elizabeth Wefel that this will occur on the floor.

In the Senate, the water conservation rate bill was folded into a larger bill on permitting reform, S.F. 1567. The permitting reform bill aims at streamlining the permitting process by deeming permits complete when submitted by a "permit application professional" unless the terms are clearly erroneous. It would also create an environmental permits coordinator. The conservation rate portion has received little attention as the bill moved through several committees. It passed out of Finance and will soon move to the Senate floor. Although permitting reform is a high priority for the GOP, the governor has not committed to signing the bill.

If the conservation rate bill is of particular interest to your city, please contact Elizabeth Wefel at ewefel@flaherty-hood.com so that she can include you in the updates that are sent more frequently than the CGMC in Brief.

Water Standard Reform Proposed

As part of the GOP's reform 2.0 effort, Rep. Paul Torkelson (R-Nelson Township) has proposed a bill, H.F. 2273, which could provide cities some relief on water quality standards. The bill would bar the PCA from adopting water quality standards that exceed federal standards. The CGMC has repeatedly identified this as a potential reform area.

The bill would also mandate 60 day approval of "minor" projects and divert PCA enforcement fines from the environment budget to the general budget.



There is no Senate companion to the bill. The bill was heard in the House Environment this week and laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill. If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Wefel at eawefel@flaherty-hood.com.

Moorhead Files Petition for Review in Service Territory Case

Last summer, the CGMC joined with the Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association and Missouri River Energy Services to file an amicus brief in a service territory case between the City of Moorhead and the Red River Valley Cooperative. Moorhead was seeking to extend electrical service to territories annexed into the city. The district court did not allow Moorhead to introduce evidence of the fair market value for the territory, which led to Moorhead appealing the decision. The CGMC weighed in because of the implications that the case could have for all cities with municipal electric utilities.

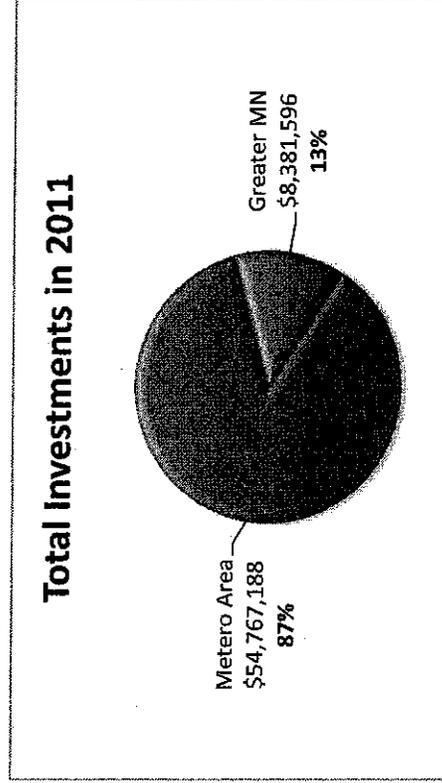
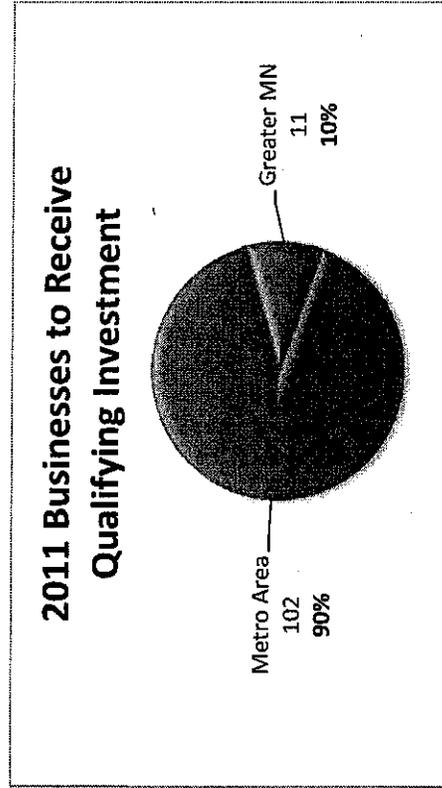
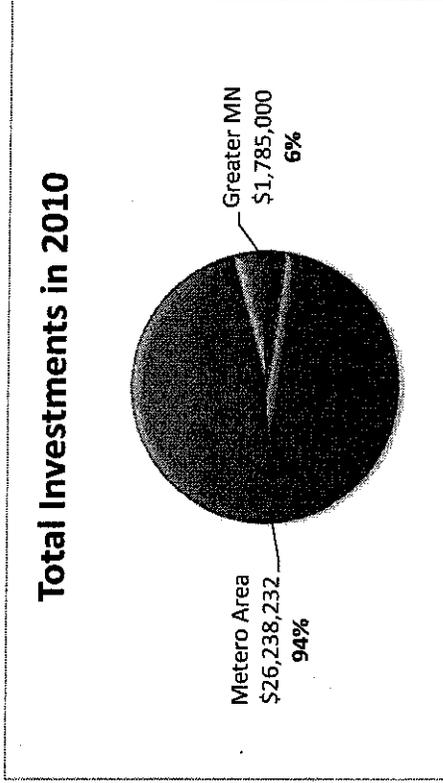
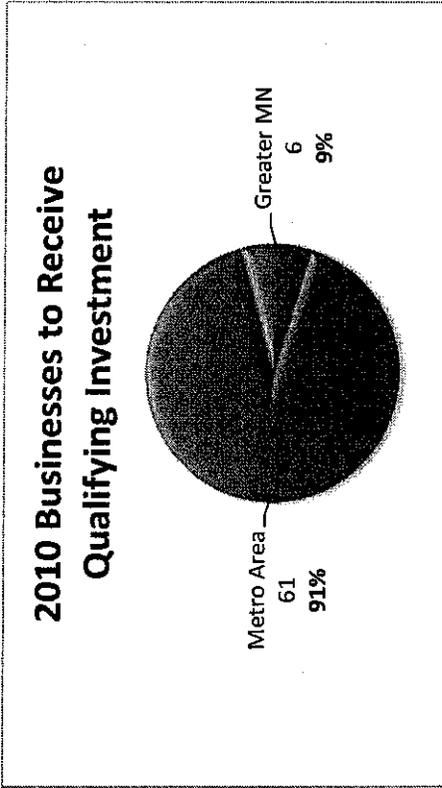
Unfortunately, the Court of Appeals ruled against Moorhead in January. The Court held that the statute governing the valuation of service territory in condemnation cases did not allow for the consideration of fair market value. Moorhead is filing a petition to the Minnesota Supreme Court requesting that it review the appellate decision. The Supreme Court has discretion to decide which cases it wants to take on, so it is not required to review the matter. The case has broad implications for the entire state which may lead to it considering this issue. Moorhead's attorneys are including our amicus brief in the appendix as evidence of the broad implications of the case. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Elizabeth Wefel at eawefel@flaherty-hood.com.

Media Round-Up

- Fergus Falls Mayor Hal Leland and Mankato City Council President Mike Laven's guest column on CGMC's Greater Minnesota Economic Recovery Program has been featured in the Worthington Daily Globe and Montevideo American News. <http://bit.ly/vUKqtl>
- Cannon Falls Mayor Robby Robinson delivered a state of the city address, where he discussed the impacts of cuts to LGA and MVHC: <http://bit.ly/wUJSPo>
- The Rochester Post Bulletin featured a guest column urging caution when amending the state's constitution: <http://bit.ly/ysN8ET>
- The Pioneer Press asks if the constitution is the right place to make state law: <http://bit.ly/zMp8JB>
- Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen (R-Alexandria) tells KMRS-KKOK radio that he does not support a supermajority constitutional amendment. <http://bit.ly/zlhQFL>



Angel Investment Tax Credit Underperforms in Greater Minnesota



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Thank you to everyone who shared feedback on the object code reporting and voter photo ID legislation this week! Those specific city examples and cost estimates are extremely helpful in telling the city story at the Capitol. The redistricting maps were unveiled this Wednesday—we continue to monitor the resulting implications for administering city elections related to this. We also still need your input on the object code reporting and local costs of Voter Photo ID (hearings are scheduled for Monday and Thursday, respectively).

Public comment periods on two major TMDL reports to start next week; comment period extension requested

After years of work to collect and analyze data and develop computer models, two Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) reports related to sediment impairment issues in Lake Pepin will be listed in the State Register on Monday, February 27. The Minnesota River Turbidity TMDL and South Metro Mississippi River Total Suspended Solids TMDL are extensive documents that attempt to document the sources of pollution, in this case sediments and total suspended solids, and determine which sources within the watershed account for what amount of the total pollution load. The reports then must show what level of pollutant load the water can handle and what reductions in that load are needed to return the water to a non-impaired state in a reasonable period of time. These reports project massive costs for cities to manage stormwater, which will be mandated under each city's MS4 stormwater permit. They also make clear the fact that cities are being required to spend hundreds of millions of dollars to affect very small amounts of pollution (less than 6 percent of the total load) while the largest source of sediment, agriculture and rural run-off have no mandates or requirements.

A TMDL is required to be performed under the federal Clean Water Act any time that a lake or river fails to meet water quality standards for its designated use. The listing in the State Register initiates a 60-day public comment period for feedback on the science and conclusions of those documents. That period would normally be 30 days, but the MPCA expects the complexity and scope of the documents will require a longer comment period.

In preparation for this comment period, the League coordinated a meeting of cities whose MS4 stormwater permits are affected by the Minnesota River Turbidity TMDL in Mankato on Tuesday, February 21 where MPCA staff responded to questions about the process and the science in that document. A request was made for the agency to even further extend the public comment period on this TMDL so that a more thorough discussion with the agency could be arranged with all of the cities whose stormwater permits are affected. The added time is also needed to provide adequate time for those cities to prepare comments on a very broad and technical report. The MPCA has since responded to that request by committing to hold such a meeting as quickly as possible and, if that cannot be arranged quickly enough to allow adequate time for comments after that meeting, will consider extending the public comment period to 90 days.

There will be significantly more information and regular updates on these two TMDLs in the *Cities Bulletin*.

Questions? Contact Craig Johnson at (651) 281-1259 or cjohnson@lmc.org.

Legislation modifying development agreement and park dedication fee statutes passes house committee

HF 389, legislation modifying city zoning statutes, passed the House Government Operations and Elections Committee on Wednesday, February 22nd, on a largely party-line vote. While the bill's provisions relating to interim ordinances has generated significant controversy ([February 24th Cities Bulletin](#)), HF 389 also rewrites the park dedication fee statute and changes language related to development agreements. The changes reflect a compromise reached by the League of Minnesota Cities, the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC), the Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT), and Builders Association of the Twin Cities (BATC).

Park Dedication Fees | As part of subdivision approval, a city may require land be "dedicated" to the public for public purposes, including land for park purposes. As an alternative to accepting land dedicated to park purposes, a city may accept an equivalent value of money. The existing park dedication fee statutes can create confusion for both city officials and developers. For ease of use, the bill would create separate statutory sections for public use dedications such as roads and sewers, and for park dedications and fees. While the vast majority of current statute would remain unchanged, there are a number of provisions cities will need to be aware of.

Cities are currently required to base fees on the "fair market value" of land, but the term is not defined. The bill states that fair market value is "determined by the municipality based on an independent appraisal for land in the same or similar land use category."

Currently, when establishing the portion of land to be dedicated as parks, a city must "reasonably determine" that it needs the land. The bill states a city must provide "evidence" that it needs to acquire that land. The original proposal by BATC would have required "credible, objective evidence," a term that would have opened a door for legal disputes. The League had this language removed as part of the compromise. The addition of the word "evidence" should not create additional burdens for cities. All permitting decisions must be based on evidence to avoid being overturned for being arbitrary or capricious.

If land proposed to be redeveloped has already contributed a park dedication or cash fee, the city may only charge a fee based upon the new value arising from the redevelopment. This provision would allow a city to require a fee or dedication for the increased demand created by the development, and would prevent a developer from having to pay fees for land that already paid for a park dedication.

Development Agreements | There are also changes to the statutes related to development agreements, all of which the League agreed to, based upon extensive consultation with city attorneys and officials.

- A municipality may not require land dedications or fees that are not authorized by statute or mutually agreed upon by the parties.
- The financial security must have a "rough proportionality" to the work to be completed.
- Unless otherwise agreed upon with the developer, the complete development contract must be provided to the applicant at least three days before approval.

The "rough proportionality" standard is already contained in the statute, and has been interpreted by courts for decades. The three-day deadline is designed to give applicants sufficient time to review the proposal prior to a city taking action. It can be waived to facilitate last-minute changes agreed upon by the parties.

The Senate version of the bill, [SF 270](#) (Sen. Ray Vandever, R-Forest Lake), passed in 2011, was not acted on by the full Senate prior to adjournment. The bill will have to be re-passed by the Senate Local Government Committee this session before it can be voted on by the full Senate, and the League anticipates action will be taken on the bill in the coming weeks.

Questions? Contact Patrick Hynes at 651-281-1260 or phynes@lmc.org.

Budget forecast next week

On Wednesday, February 29, the state department of Management and Budget will release the updated state budget forecast (check [here](#) on Wednesday for the report). This forecast will guide legislators and the governor as they make adjustments to the state budget for the balance of the current legislative session.

The November forecast reported that the state had an \$876 million surplus for the balance of the current 2012-2013 biennium, which is relatively good news, given the string of state budget deficits that have occurred since 2008. However, current law requires any forecast balance be used to restore the state's reserves which were essentially depleted in recent legislative actions to balance the state's budget. As a result, the November forecast added \$255 million to the cash flow account, increasing it to \$350 million, and also added \$621 million to the state's budget reserve, bringing it to \$648 million.

The February forecast will reflect these current law allocations of the November forecasted "surplus" to reserves and therefore, the forecast next week should essentially start from a surplus of zero. In other words, any announced surplus or deficit will be the net of the increased state cash flow and budget reserves.

Recent monthly revenue collection reports have painted a mixed picture of the state's budget. The most recent report issued earlier this month reported a \$107 million downturn in revenue collections, or 6.7 percent reduction from forecasted levels for the month of January. That report warned that monthly collections can vary significantly and that the downturn should not necessarily be interpreted as a permanent revenue trend. When the January revenue collection downturn is considered in the context of the revenue collections for the first seven months of the state's biennium (July, 2011 through January 2012), the state has collected \$45.5 million less than forecast, only slightly below the levels forecasted in the November state budget forecast.

Stay tuned. The League will hold a [webinar on the state budget forecast](#) and other legislative developments on Monday, March 5.

Questions? Contact Gary N. Carlson at (651) 281-1255 or gcarlson@lmc.org.

Busy upcoming week in House Property Tax Division

Next week, the House Property Tax Division will hold a hearing on a variety of bills related to local units of government. The Division, which is chaired by [Rep. Linda Runbeck](#) (R-Circle Pines), will hear [HF 2189](#), a bill authored by [Rep. Greg Davids](#) (R-Preston) that would modify the Rochester local sales tax revenue sharing list of cities to include "any other city with a 2010 population of at least 1,000 that has a city boundary within 25 miles of the geographic center of Rochester and is closer to Rochester than to any other city with a population of 20,000 or more." This qualification is believed to add the city of Wanamingo to the sales tax revenue sharing list.

The agenda also includes [HF 2161](#) (Rep. Bud Nornes, R-Fergus Falls) that would allow the city of Vergas to impose an aggregate tax, [HF 1876](#) (Rep. Tim Mahoney, DFL-St. Paul) that would extend and increase the Saint Paul annual maximum debt limit for certain debt and [HF 2283](#) (Rep. Carolyn McElPatrick, R-Deer River) that would modify the LGA payment for the city of Tamarack in 2013 only.

The agenda also includes [HF 2072](#), authored by Rep. Greg Davids (R-Preston), which is a bill drafted by the League and the Minnesota Inter-County Association in consultation with legislative and Department of Revenue staff to address technical issues with last year's newly created homestead market value exclusion system. The bill is needed due to a statutory interpretation by the Minnesota Department of Revenue that concludes the homestead market value exclusion reduces the "market value" of each city used to compute levy limits for economic development authorities (EDAs), housing and redevelopment authorities (HRAs) and port authorities. The homestead exclusion also impacts the statutory net debt limit for each city, which is computed as three percent of the city's market value after consideration of the homestead market value exclusion. In addition, the new homestead exclusion can impact certain tax increment financing districts that include owner-occupied housing eligible for the new homestead market value exclusion.

The bill will restore these market value-based levy and debt limits to the previous full market value base and will restore other property tax components, including TIF districts that contain owner-occupied housing, to the status that existed prior to the new homestead market value exclusion.

Questions? Contact Gary N. Carlson at (651) 281-1255 or gcarlson@lmc.org.

Local city bills coming up this week in Senate Taxes

The Senate Tax committee will take up a variety of special TIF and special levy bills on Tuesday and Wednesday (2/28 and 2/29) in the 8:30 a.m. time slot. The committee meets in Room 15 of the Capitol. Right now, Tuesday's bills include:

- [SF 1676](#) (Sen. Chris Gerlach, R-Apple Valley) Extending tax increment financing for Apple Valley.
- [SF 1677](#) (Sen. Chris Gerlach, R-Apple Valley) Authorizing tax increment financing for Apple Valley.
- [SF 1619](#) (Sen. Charles Wiger, DFL-Maplewood) Tax increment district time limit extension for Oakdale.
- [SF 2016](#) (Sen. Benjamin Kruse, R-Brooklyn Park) Tax increment financing expenditures modification.
- [SF 2040](#) (Sen. James Metzen, DFL-South St. Paul) Dakota County Redevelopment tax increment financing authorization.

Wednesday's slate of bills right now is:

- [SF 1646](#) (Sen. Julianne Ortman, R-Chanhassen) Bloomington tax increment financing time limit extension.
- [SF 2068](#) (Sen. David Senjem, R-Rochester) Bloomington tax increment financing time limits extension.
- [SF 1878-Bakk](#): (Sen. Thomas Bakk, R-Cook) Cook-Orr Hospital District tax levy modification.
- [SF 1961](#) (Sen. Chris Eaton, R-Brooklyn Center) Brooklyn Park tax increment financing special rules authority.

Word on the street, is the House will hold a similar hearing closer to the end of March. **Any city wanting special legislation should act NOW to have those bills introduced.** The first step is always contacting your local legislators for support, and to get the ball rolling. League staff is happy to discuss any concerns or questions with cities that are interested in doing this.

Questions? Contact Jennifer O'Rourke at (651) 281-1261 or jorourke@lmc.org.

Fireworks expansion bill advances

A bill that, as introduced, would have authorized local units of government to issue fireworks use permits to private citizens, was amended in the committee process to remove local control and expand the sale and use of a wide range of explosives. The bill, [HF 1774](#) (Rep. John Kriesel, R-Cottage Grove), was heard and amended with a delete-everything amendment in the House Public Safety and Crime Prevention Committee on Thursday. It was recommended to pass on a voice vote and re-referred to the Commerce Committee.

The current version of the bill expands the definition of consumer fireworks to include aerial and explosive devices. Existing law limits the definition to novelty items such as sparklers, snakes and glow worms. HF 1774 prohibits use by the public of fireworks on public property, but restricts local governments from "...enacting any ordinance, rule or regulation that prohibits, limits or restricts the wholesale or retail sale of sparkling devices and novelties." Local governments also are prohibited under the measure from imposing fees on retailers who sell novelties.

Representatives of the fire service testified against the bill and expressed concerns about the potential for increases in injuries and fire calls. On behalf of the League of Minnesota Cities, one of the testifiers noted the League's longstanding opposition to any expansion in the allowable use of consumer fireworks.

The Senate companion to HF 1774, [SF 1694](#) (Sen. Doug Magnus, R-Slayton), was introduced earlier this month and referred to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee. It has not yet been scheduled for a hearing.

Questions? Contact Anne Finn at (651) 281-1263 or afinn@lmc.org.

House and Senate Transportation Committees hear bonding proposals

On Wednesday, the House Transportation Policy and Finance Committee heard 23 bonding proposals related to transportation infrastructure, and on Thursday, the Senate Transportation Committee was briefed on seven bills. Neither committee took action on the legislation presented because jurisdiction over the bills lies with the Capital Investment Committees.

While a number of the funding measures presented were for specific projects, at least two—the Local Road Improvement Program and the Local Bridge Program—would provide funding for statewide programs that provide grants on a competitive basis. Both received bipartisan support, increasing the likelihood that the provisions will be a part of a final bonding package should one pass.

The proposed funding level for the Local Road Improvement Program, which funds regionally significant projects and safety improvements, is \$30 million. The recommended funding level for the Local Bridge Program is \$75 million. The League strongly supports funding for both accounts.

Questions? Contact Anne Finn at (651) 281-1263 or afinn@lmc.org.

Senate Local Government Committee passes bill restricting city zoning authority

The Senate Local Government and Elections Committee passed legislation that places the definition of a vacation rental home into statute and restricts the ability of local governments to zone for this type of use. The legislation, SF 1190 (Sen. Roger Chamberlain, R-Lino Lakes), brought by the Minnesota Vacation Rental Association (MVRA), seeks to distinguish vacation rentals, which are typically single family homes, from hotels and resorts in order to avoid regulation as commercial enterprises.

The League of Minnesota Cities, along with the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) and the Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT) opposes legislative zoning because local zoning decisions are best made by local governments, with input from local citizens. Unfortunately, neither the League, AMC, nor MAT were given the opportunity to testify before the bill was passed by the committee and sent to the Senate floor on a sharply divided voice vote. A motion to refer the bill to the Commerce Committee for further debate on the merits of the bill made by Sen. Mary Jo McGuire (DFL-Falcon Heights) was defeated.

The amended bill defines a vacation rental as any house, apartment, condominium, manufactured home, vacation home or “similar property rented on a short-term basis, and would prevent a city from treating a vacation rental as an interim use within residential districts. It also would prevent a city from limiting the use of a vacation rental based solely on its “occupancy, classification, or use.” A city could regulate a vacation rental as a conditional use, and the bill does allow a city to regulate certain restrictions on vacation rentals, including regulations related to the number of occupants, parking, waste removal, sewage treatment, and provisions related to the health, safety, and general welfare of the public.

The Minnesota Department of Health expressed concern about losing the ability to license and regulate vacation rentals, and the bill could shift this burden onto local communities. In addition to the specific concerns with the treatment of vacation rentals, the League is concerned that if such legislation passes it will likely induce other interest groups to seek special zoning status through the Legislature.

The companion bill, HF 1523 (Rep. Mary Liz Holberg, R-Lakeville) was heard in the House Government Operations and Elections Committee during the 2011 session, and was laid over for further consideration. The League expects the

House bill to be heard in the coming weeks. League staff will continue to monitor this legislation and to education members of the Legislature about the problems this bill would cause.

Questions? Contact Patrick Hynes at (651) 281-1260 or phynes@lmc.org.

Septic rule bill amended

A bill to clarify delays in implementing new statewide standards related to Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems (SSTS) was debated in the Senate Environment and Natural Resources committee. SF 1859 (Carlson, R – Bemidji) intends to make it clear that in counties that have not adopted all of the SSTS rules put forward by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) in 2008, no portion of those rules can be in effect. It aims to assist tank installers who are finding the new rule requirements economically unworkable in some cases.

As introduced, however, the bill would have inadvertently eliminated any city or township ordinances related to SSTS that happen to include some of the provisions from those rules simply because their county has not adopted all of the state changes. Cities and towns are expressly allowed in state law to have their own SSTS ordinances, as long as they are at least as protective as the overall county ordinance. The League was able to work with the author to have the bill amended to assure that city and town authority is not removed under this legislation. The bill may be included in a later environment policy omnibus bill, but may also become unnecessary and be set aside if the MPCA is able to work out a solution to the problem without legislative action. In either case, city ordinances and ordinance authority should be unaffected.

Questions? Contact Craig Johnson at (651) 281-1259 or cjohnson@lmc.org.

Wetland road replacement funding discussed

State and federal laws state that wetland replacements required because of work done on existing local government road projects be managed and funded by the state. The funding to do that did not appear in the Governor's proposed bonding package for the 2012 session. As a result, local government groups have joined to support legislation that authorizes the \$13.1 million in state general obligation bonds necessary for the Board of Water and Soil Resources to provide that wetland replacement. SF 1762 (Sen. Joe Gimse, R- Willmar) was heard in the Senate Transportation committee on Thursday, February 23 and was approved for possible inclusion in the Senate bonding bill.

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The League, the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC), and the Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT) all withdrew their opposition to the bill after reaching a compromise with the bill's chief proponent, the Builders Association of the Twin Cities (BATC), and author Rep. Mike Beard (R-Shakopee).

- **View HF 389 with amendments (pdf)** ([Link to: http://www.lmc.org/media/document/1/hf389withamend.pdf](http://www.lmc.org/media/document/1/hf389withamend.pdf))

The Senate companion, **SF 270** ([Link to: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=Senate&f=SF0270&ssn=0&y=2011&ls=87)

[b=Senate&f=SF0270&ssn=0&y=2011&ls=87](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=Senate&f=SF0270&ssn=0&y=2011&ls=87)) , is authored by **Sen. Ray Vandever** ([Link to: http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/members/member_bio.php?leg_id=10682](http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/members/member_bio.php?leg_id=10682)) (R-Forest Lake), chair of the Senate Local

Government Committee. The bill passed that committee in 2011 over objections by the League and created a huge loophole that would allow pending, and even incomplete, applications to be exempted from a moratorium passed after the application was filed with a city.

The League strongly opposed the loophole, while BATC and Rep. Beard felt that a moratorium should be put in place early in the application process, to prevent developers or other applicants from incurring costs on a project that could then be delayed for up to a year. This loophole was removed as part of the compromise on the House bill, and replaced with language that would still allow local governments a window of opportunity to place an existing application on hold while it undertakes a study related to the proposed use.

Notable changes

If the bill is signed into law, an interim ordinance would need a two-thirds vote to be enacted, a change from the simple majority currently required. A city will also need to provide 10 days public notice and hold a public hearing prior to adopting an interim ordinance. Finally, a city passing an interim ordinance in response to a pending application would have to act more quickly to ensure that the moratorium would apply to that application.

Under current law, a city may pass an interim ordinance that places a moratorium on a project for which a completed application has been accepted by the city. Under the bill, a moratorium would not apply to a pending application unless the interim ordinance is adopted "within 30 days following its first meeting following receipt of an application deemed complete." This provision has generated significant controversy and confusion.

New timeline and the "30-day window"

The proposed law does not change the familiar requirements of the 60-Day Rule, so cities still have 15 days from the receipt of an application to determine if it is complete. The triggering event for the 30-day window is the first public meeting after the application has been deemed complete. In order for the moratorium to apply to the applicant's project, it must be adopted by the city within 30 days following that first public meeting.

A moratorium adopted within this window will apply to all projects. A moratorium passed after the window will apply to any applications received after the date of enactment, but will not apply to a complete application pending at the time the public notice of the meeting was published.

Hypothetical timeline

The ultimate timeline for action can vary from city to city and will be based on two factors: (1) when a city makes the determination that an application is complete, and (2) the date of the next public meeting following that determination.

For example, an application is received on Day One, and deemed complete on Day 15. If the next regularly scheduled public meeting is 20 days after the application is deemed complete, the 30-day window will not be triggered until Day 35, and will not close until Day 65. An interim ordinance passed prior to Day 65 will apply to a pending application, but an interim ordinance passed after that day will not.

In practice, the changes will only impact a city that wishes to pass an interim ordinance at the time an application for a use or development is received. An interim ordinance that is passed prior to receipt of a complete application would always apply to a project. (The recent silica mining moratorium passed by Goodhue County was passed in this manner.) And, an incomplete application will not trigger the 30-day window, unless a city fails to provide the notice of missing information currently required by the 60-Day Rule.

It is also important to note that the bill makes no changes to how the underlying application is to be reviewed—an application must still meet all zoning requirements, and would be approved or denied as in the past.

The Senate bill passed in 2011 was not acted on by the full Senate prior to adjournment. The bill will have to be re-passed by the Senate Local Government Committee this session before it can be voted on by the full Senate, and the League anticipates action will be taken on the bill in the coming weeks.

HF 389 also makes changes to the statutory provisions relating to developer agreements and park dedication fees. These changes will be outlined in a later article.

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Technical HMVE Bill Introduced in the Senate



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Sen. Julianne Ortman (*Link to: http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/members/member_bio.php?leg_id=10802*) (R-Chanhassen) on Feb. 16 introduced **SF 1831** (*Link to: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=Senate&f=SF1831&ssn=0&y=2012*), a bill that intends to address technical issues with last year's newly created homestead market value exclusion (HMVE) system. The House companion bill is **HF 2072** (*Link to: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=House&f=HF2072&ssn=0&y=2012&ls=87*), authored by **Rep. Greg Davids** (*Link to: http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/members/members.asp?leg_id=10123*) (R-Preston).

The League and the Minnesota Inter-County Association drafted the bill in consultation with legislative and Department of Revenue (DOR) staff.

The bill is needed due to a statutory interpretation by the DOR that the homestead market value exclusion reduces each city's "market value" used to compute levy limits for economic development authorities (EDAs), housing and redevelopment authorities (HRAs), and port authorities. The homestead exclusion also impacts the statutory net debt limit for each city, which is computed as 3 percent of the city's market value after consideration of the homestead market value exclusion. In addition, the new homestead exclusion can impact certain tax increment financing (TIF) districts that include owner-occupied housing eligible for the new homestead market value exclusion.

SF 1831 will restore these market value-based levy and debt limits to the previous full market value base and will restore other property tax components, including TIF districts that contain owner-occupied housing, to the status that existed prior to the new HMVE program.

The bill also clarifies that fire state aids are computed based on market value prior to the HMVE. For the local government aid (LGA) and county program aid (CPA) systems, the bill clarifies that the value used to compute state aids is based on the jurisdiction's market value after the homestead exclusion, which is consistent with the LGA/CPA changes approved in last July's tax bill and is identical to the current treatment of property classification changes.

For some cities, the new HMVE can reduce the city's market value by more than 15 percent up to as much as 30 percent in some cities with tax bases that are predominantly comprised of homes eligible for the maximum 40 percent exclusion. This reduction in the city's market value would result in a corresponding reduction in levy authorities and debt limits. SF 1831 will restore the use of the city's full "estimated market value" for the calculation of these levy and debt limits.

This bill does not address the restoration of the homestead credit nor does it provide any additional business or homeowner tax relief. Separate bills, **HF 1776** (*Link to: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=House&f=HF1776&ssn=0&y=2011*), introduced by **Rep. Ann Lenczewski** (*Link to: http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/members/members.asp?leg_id=10369*) (DFL-Bloomington) and **HF**

1775 (Link to: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=House&f=HF1775&ssn=0&y=2011) , introduced by **Rep. Paul Marquart** (Link to: http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/members/members.asp?leg_id=10401) (DFL-Dilworth), would restore the previous homestead credit system while Rep. Davids has introduced **HF 1914** (Link to: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=House&f=HF1914&ssn=0&y=2011) , a bill that would expand the homeowner property tax refund program and the targeting program, and provide relief to business properties by excluding the first \$150,000 of property value from the state property tax.

For more information on these bills, see the expanded LMC article on **HF2072** (Link to: <http://www.lmc.org/page/1/hmvecorrectionbill.jsp>) . We expect hearings on both bills in the near future.

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15-Minute Advocate: The Cost of Requiring Photo ID at Polls

Contact your legislators about the impact on cities of the proposed constitutional amendment requiring voters to show a photo ID.

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1. Get Informed

The proposed constitutional amendment requiring photo identification for voting, **SF 1577** (Link to: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=Senate&f=SF1577&ssn=0&y=2012) , has been passed by the **Senate Local Government and Elections Committee** (Link to: http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/committees/committee_bio.php?cmte_id=3052&ls=)

and by the **Senate State Government Innovation & Veterans Committee** (Link to: http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/committees/committee_bio.php?cmte_id=3054&ls=) .

If the Legislature votes to put the amendment on the ballot later this year, it will have dramatic consequences for cities. Cities will face great difficulties when implementing the voter ID requirements at the local level. The proposed voter ID requirements would apply to both city and all other local elections, in addition to statewide elections.

The amendment would impact local government units in a variety of ways. For example, current language in the amendment:

- Requires separate provisional balloting procedures, which will require two additional election judges and a separate ballot box in each precinct, and new forms, envelopes, and secure storage. Unless the Legislature provides language in the proposed constitutional

- amendment that the state will cover the costs associated with implementation of photo ID, counties, cities, townships, and school districts will have to fund these costs with local property taxes.
- Requires election offices to be open for 10 calendar days after an election to allow provisional voters to appear and provide photo identification, which is an additional cost to local governments.
 - Will delay canvassing and announcement of official election results in order to add results from provisional ballots for which voters have proved their identity during the 10 calendar days following Election Day.
 - May require local election officials to notify provisional voters if their ballots are not counted.
 - Creates barriers for those in nursing homes, hospitals, and hospices to be able to vote if they do not have a photo ID with the correct address. They would have to be transported to a deputy registrar office to get a new photo ID. Vouching, including for those in care facilities, would no longer be allowed.
 - Eliminates vouching for voters seeking to register on Election Day and makes it uncertain if Election Day registration will still be available.
 - Will likely eliminate mail balloting.
 - Is unclear about how absentee voters prove their identity when voting by mail.

It is possible to enact a photo identification process without these severe impacts. SF 1577 provides for significant increases in costs and complexity in administering the election process. Creating a constitutional amendment containing these unfunded mandates has property tax consequences for local governments.

During the Senate State Government Innovation & Veterans Committee meeting on Feb. 22, **Sen. Mike Parry** (http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/members/member_bio.php?district=26&ls=) (R-Waseca) explained that testimony on SF 1577 would focus on the impact of the proposed constitutional amendment on the operations and responsibilities of the Office of the Secretary of State. **Sen. Scott Newman** (http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/members/member_bio.php?mem_id=1173&ls=) (R-Hutchinson) then introduced a delete-all amendment to the bill, which made a number of changes to the terms and conditions of required verification of voter identification and moved back the effective date of the adoption of the proposed constitutional amendment from the 2014 election cycle to June 30, 2013.

That change, to which the League had previously objected (and which Sen. Newman had amended to be effective for elections in 2014), would impose direct responsibility and added costs on cities (and other local units of government) that hold odd-year elections to comply with the proposed extensive changes to absentee and mail balloting and Election Day voting activities. The League also continues to have serious objections to the use of provisional balloting, which remains a key feature of the legislation.

The committee approved SF 1577 as amended on a divided vote and re-referred the bill to the Senate Finance Committee, where the League and other local government associations plan to present testimony on the issue of the unfunded mandates contained in the details of the proposed new voter registration and election procedures. It was announced that the **Senate Finance Committee** (http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/committees/committee_bio.php?cmte_id=1007&ls=) would hold a hearing on

the legislation on March 1.

There is no House companion legislation for this; however, **Rep. Mary Kiffmeyer** (*Link to: <http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/members/members.asp?id=15302>*) is authoring legislation (**HF 1662** (*Link to: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=House&f=HF1662&ssn=0&y=2011*)) that would act in a similar way to SF 1577.

2. Take Action

This legislation is moving in the form of a constitutional amendment without addressing the above listed concerns. Therefore, it is imperative for you to:

- **Contact** (*Link to: <http://www.gis.leg.mn/OpenLayers/districts/>*) your representatives immediately to raise concerns listed above.
- Encourage your legislators to address or ask the authors (Sens. Newman, Chamberlain, Ingebrigtsen, Limmer, and Brown) about the long-term costs and negative impacts on local governments of the current language in SF 1577.
- Write a letter to the editor in your local newspaper addressing the concerns described above with specific information about your city's election process. Include cost estimates of implementing the amendment, if possible.
- Get the word out via social media that elected officials, or city staff, may use to share concerns with the proposed amendment.

3. Stay Involved

SF 1577 is scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Finance Committee on March 1. Please contact **members of this committee** (*Link to: http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/committees/committee_bio.php?cmte_id=1007&ls=#members*) before March 1 to voice your city's concerns.

In addition, to stay involved in an ongoing way, join the League's Improving Service Delivery Policy Committee by contacting Heather Cederholm (see right). The committee discussed provisional balloting last summer and approved SD-60, which objected to the use of provisional balloting to comply with voter identification requirements.

Also, stay tuned to the *Cities Bulletin* and the *Friday Fax* (*Link to: <http://www.lmc.org/page/1/fridayfax.jsp>*) in the coming weeks as League staff receive more information on this legislation.

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Pension Commission Considers Salary Threshold Increase



The \$425 monthly earnings threshold for participation in PERA has not been adjusted since 1988.

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The Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement considered a bill on Feb. 21 that would increase the current \$425-per-month earnings threshold for participation in the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA). The bill, **HF 2360** (Link to:

https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=House&f=HF2360&ssn=0&y=2011), was introduced by **Rep. Tim O'Driscoll** (Link to: http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/members/members.asp?leg_id=15364) (R-Sartell).

Under current law, a city employee that never exceeds the \$425 monthly salary threshold in any month of employment is excluded from PERA. However once an individual's salary exceeds the \$425 monthly threshold, that individual is automatically included in the PERA system from that point forward.

Current law also provides for a number of specific exclusions from the PERA system, including but not limited to public officers on the governing body of the governmental subdivision; election judges and officers; temporary employees; seasonal employees; disaster emergency employees; employees under the age of 23 who are full time students; and independent contractors.

Under the bill, the \$425-per-month earnings threshold would be increased to \$773 per month beginning on July 1, 2012. Beginning on July 1, 2013, the threshold would be annually adjusted to reflect a cost-of-living adjustment based on the consumer price index (CPI).

The language in the bill as it was introduced suggests that it would not impact existing PERA members, but would only apply to part-time local government employees first employed after July 1, 2011.

According to Rep. O'Driscoll, the current \$425 monthly salary minimum threshold was last modified in 1988 when it was increased from \$325 to \$425. The proposed \$773-per-month threshold was derived by inflating the existing \$425 threshold by the CPI over the past 24 years.

The bill was opposed by various labor unions due to the fact that a greater number of newly hired individuals would not be eligible for PERA participation. PERA raised concerns about the impact of the bill on the funding of the PERA systems, suggesting that participation in PERA would be reduced. PERA also raised concerns about the administrative challenges of annual modifications to the earnings threshold.

The League testified in general support of a modification to the \$425 threshold because the change is in line with a League policy (HR-9 in the **LMC City Policies [pdf]** ([Link to: http://www.lmc.org/media/document/1/2012citypolicies.pdf](http://www.lmc.org/media/document/1/2012citypolicies.pdf))) on PERA that calls for modifications to the PERA eligibility guidelines to take into account part-time employment. The League policies do not specifically support the \$773 threshold nor do they specifically address the implementation of an annual CPI adjustment. The League acknowledged the potential negative financial impact on the PERA plans and the possible administrative challenges of annually adjusting the earnings threshold. The League will work with the author to address these possible financial and administrative concerns.

The bill was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus pension bill, which will likely be unveiled late next week.

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Municipal Detachment Legislation Heads to Senate Floor



The consensus bill would improve the information, process, and equity of petitions to detach parcels from cities into neighboring townships.

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After more than a year of careful work and negotiation to develop consensus among the League, the Minnesota Association of Townships, the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities, and the Office of Administrative Hearings, legislation that makes significant improvements to the statutes that define the process for detaching parcels of property from existing cities has moved forward.

SF 1450 ([Link to: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=Senate&f=SF1450&ssn=0&y=2012](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=Senate&f=SF1450&ssn=0&y=2012)) (**Sen. John Carlson** ([Link to: http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/members/member_bio.php?leg_id=15324](http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/members/member_bio.php?leg_id=15324)) , R- Bemidji) was heard on Feb. 20 by the **Senate Local Government and Elections Committee** ([Link to: http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/committees/committee_bio.php?cmt_id=3052&ls=](http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/committees/committee_bio.php?cmt_id=3052&ls=)) , which passed the bill unanimously after

testimony by townships and cities, and an amendment addressing technical fixes in the bill. It awaits final action on the floor of the Senate.

The House companion bill, **HF 1738** ([Link to: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=House&f=HF1738&ssn=0&y=2012&ls=87](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=House&f=HF1738&ssn=0&y=2012&ls=87)) (**Rep. Larry Howes** ([Link to: http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/members/members.asp?](http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/members/members.asp?)

leg_id=10266) , R-Walker), has not been heard yet, but is expected to be heard soon in the **House Government Operations and Elections Committee** (*Link to: <http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/comm/committee.asp?comm=87009>*).

While the proposed legislation does not address all city concerns, it makes significant changes to the hearing process to better involve townships and counties in the decision; requires better documentation of the history and rationale for the detachment by the property owner; requires that local planning decisions be considered as factors; specifies additional factors that must be considered in a detachment hearing; and changes the assumptions used to calculate who pays for the cost of the detachment process. It also states that if both the city and township oppose a detachment, the judge must not hold hearings and must deny the petition for detachment.

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Object Code Reporting Bill Clears Two House Committees

Please let the League know how much you think this mandate would cost your city.

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One of this session's Reform 2.0 ideas, **HF 1954** (*Link to:*

https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=House&f=HF1954&ssn=0&y=2011) (**Rep. Keith Downey** (*Link to: http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/members/members.asp?leg_id=15311*), R-Edina), a new mandate bill, cleared two more committee stops last week in both the **House Government Operations & Elections Committee** (*Link to: <http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/comm/committee.asp?comm=87009>*) and **House State Government Finance Committee**. (*Link to: <http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/comm/committee.asp?comm=87018>*)

In his comments, Rep. Downey explained that he envisions a one- or two-page document that embodies a "citizen-centric" view of budgeting. The bill was amended in the second committee to address some of the definitions related to object codes. Additionally, the amendment tried to address some of the timing issue problems the bill has.

State Government Finance Committee Chair **Rep. Morrie Lanning** (*Link to:*

<http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/members/members.asp?district=09A>) (R-Moorhead) signaled concerns with the bill during discussion by saying the bill would go out of his committee and on to the House Taxes

Committee, but he wanted to see it back in his State Government Committee at some point. That is not normal procedure for a bill. Usually, once it leaves a committee it does not come back. Rep. Lanning urged all parties to think of a way this bill could be made workable, and possibly relieve cities of some of the truth-in-taxation hearing mandates instead.

The League expects to be asked for an estimation of how much this mandate will cost cities. We understand that cost estimate will vary from city to city as some cities already provide this kind of information. Please review the bill and send comments to Heather Cederholm at hcederholm@lmc.org (Link to: <mailto:hcederholm@lmc.org>). We have already asked for a local impact note to be prepared as this heads to the Taxes Committee.

One of the key local government messages on this has been emphasizing that cities do not have a problem with transparency—and already provide information to citizens in a variety of formats. Part of the local government testimony against this bill has been it is difficult to compare cities with the differences in services, equipment, and personnel.

Sue Iverson, Arden Hills' Director of Finance and Administrative Services, testified during the State Government Committee meeting on Feb. 16 along with League staff and county officials. One of the new points for the committee that the League addressed was the fact that if cities fail to provide the new information, the state auditor has the ability to withhold local government aid, municipal state streets aids, or police and fire aids. This would be a new precedent for their office.

A Senate companion has been introduced, **SF 1741** (Link to: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=Senate&f=SF1741&ssn=0&y=2012) (**Sen. Ted Daley** (Link to: http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/members/member_bio.php?leg_id=15327), R-Eagan) and awaits a hearing in the coming weeks in the **Senate Local Government and Elections Committee** (Link to: http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/committees/committee_bio.php?cmtc_id=3052&ls=).

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Inverse Condemnation Legislation Introduced

The bill creates takings claims if organized solid waste collection affects a private business.

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A proposal that was last seen in the 2005-2006 biennium has resurfaced this session. **HF 2084** (Link to: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=House&f=HF2084&ssn=0&y=2011) (**Rep. Kirk Stensrud** (Link to: http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/members/members.asp?leg_id=15368) , R-Eden Prairie)/**SF 1664** (Link to: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=Senate&f=SF1664&ssn=0&y=2011&ls=87) (**Sen. Julianne Ortman** (Link to: http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/members/member_bio.php?leg_id=10802) , R- Chanhassen) creates a cause of action for a party to force a condemnation proceeding to commence if his or her business is prevented in any manner, directly or indirectly, from providing solid waste services in a community.

The city would be exposed to claims for lost business and stranded capital costs if any action it took played a part in either providing that service or limiting the number of businesses that are allowed to provide service to a community and that resulted in a business losing access to that market.

The unknown liability this creates would effectively make it impossible for a city to opt to choose organized collection as an option. It would further force cities with existing organized collection to potentially have to end it when the contract next expires, because if the previously contracted haulers did not provide the lowest bid for solid waste service, the city would either have to face condemnation claims for selecting a different firm or allow the existing hauler to set whatever rates they want on local taxpayers.

A 2009 study performed by an engineering firm hired by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) detailed the advantages and disadvantages of organized collection. While some small haulers may have higher up-front costs to compete for local contracts and residents usually end up with fewer garbage collectors to choose from, the benefits include the monthly costs to residents usually being lower, competitive bidding between competing haulers resulting in getting local customers the best service at the lowest price, reduced traffic impacts on infrastructure and safety on the community, reduced fuel consumption of solid waste services in a community, benefits to recycling and compost programs, and the ability to include delivery destination conditions in the contracts.

These bills have not yet been scheduled for a hearing, but raise substantial concerns for all levels of local government. The League, the Association of Minnesota Counties, Metro Cities, the Minnesota Inter-County Alliance, the Minnesota Association of Townships, the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and the Resource Recovery Association all oppose this legislation and are working together to prevent its passage.

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Senate Taxes Committee to Consider Tax Relief Bills



Property tax relief for businesses and homeowners appears to be a priority for House and Senate Taxes committees.

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The **Senate Taxes Committee** (Link to: http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/committees/committee_bio.php?cmte_id=1019&ls=) is considering three bills this week that will reduce business and homeowner property taxes.

SF 1596 (Link to: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=Senate&f=Sf1596&ssn=0&y=2012) (**Sen. Julianne Ortman** (Link to: http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/members/member_bio.php?leg_id=10802), R-Chanhassen), would exempt the first \$100,000 in commercial-industrial property from the state general property tax levy; phase out the state general property tax levy; and increase the homeowner property tax refund (PTR) and targeting programs. **SF 1624** (Link to:

https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=Senate&f=Sf1624&ssn=0&y=2012) (**Sen. John Pederson** (Link to: http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/members/member_bio.php?leg_id=15336), R-St. Cloud) would reduce and then phase out the state general property tax levy by 2026. **SF 1972** (Link to:

https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=Senate&f=Sf1972&ssn=0&y=2012), also authored by Sen. Ortman, would phase out the state general property tax levy and increase the homeowner property tax refund program.

As introduced, SF 1596 excludes the first \$100,000 of commercial and industrial market value from the state general property tax levy beginning with taxes payable in 2013. In addition, the bill reduces the state general property tax levy applied to commercial and industrial property by 5 percent of the previous year's amount until the state property tax levy is entirely phased out beginning in 2033. The bill would also freeze the state general property tax levy applied to seasonal residential recreational (cabin) property for taxes payable in 2013 and thereafter.

The bill also includes some immediate property tax relief for homeowners. It increases the maximum PTR for homeowners with household incomes greater than \$37,280. The bill also modifies the targeting program based on taxes payable in 2012. Under the existing targeting program, the state provides a credit directly to homeowners who experience a tax increase of more than 12 percent and more than \$100. The current credit is equal to 60 percent of the tax increase over 12 percent if that increase is also greater than \$100. Under the bill, the credit is increased to 90 percent of the tax increase over 12 percent and \$100.

Sen. Pederson's bill, SF 1624, reduces the state general levy for commercial and industrial property by \$32.1 million per year for taxes payable in 2013 and 2014, but does not alter the state property tax on seasonal recreational (cabin) property. After 2014, the bill sets the state general levy for both commercial and industrial property as well as for cabins at approximately the pay 2013 level for pay 2015 and 2016. Beginning with taxes payable in 2017, the state general property tax levy for both commercial and industrial and cabin property is reduced by 10 percent each year, so that it is ultimately completely phased out beginning with taxes payable in

2026.

SF 1972 is similar in some respects to SF 1596 in that the state general property tax levy applied to commercial and industrial property and cabin property is reduced and ultimately phased out by taxes payable 2020. The inflation index that currently annually increases the state property tax is also removed.

To provide immediate property tax relief to businesses, the bill creates a refund paid to commercial and industrial property taxpayers for taxes payable in 2012, based on the state general property tax paid.

Under SF 1972, there is no impact on the property taxes paid to local units of government. The refund is available to business owners who are current in their property tax payments and would be equal to 2.621 percent of each parcel's net tax capacity.

Similar to SF 1596, the bill modifies the formula for the targeting property tax refund for taxes payable in 2012. The current law credit is equal to 60 percent of the tax increase over 12 percent if that increase is also greater than \$100. Under the bill, the 60 percent credit is increased to 75 percent. Unlike SF 1596, the bill does not alter the current law provisions for the PTR program.

Earlier this month, the House Property Tax Division considered and approved an amended version of **HF 1914** ([Link to: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=House&f=HF1914&ssn=0&y=2011](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=House&f=HF1914&ssn=0&y=2011)) (**Rep. Greg Davids** ([Link to: http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/members/members.asp?leg_id=10123](http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/members/members.asp?leg_id=10123)), R-Preston), the companion to SF 1596. The full **House Taxes Committee** ([Link to: http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/comm/committee.asp?comm=87021](http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/comm/committee.asp?comm=87021)) has begun hearings on that bill but has not yet taken formal action.

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Redistricting Maps Available Online

The Supreme Court Redistricting Panel has produced the redistricting maps for the upcoming election.

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The five-judge Special Redistricting Panel appointed by Minnesota State Supreme Court Justice Laurie Gildea released its legislative and congressional redistricting plans and maps on Feb. 21.

The **Minnesota Courts website** (*Link to: <http://www.mncourts.gov/?page=4469>*) is the repository for the maps and other information on redistricting.

Cities are required to pass a resolution reestablishing existing precinct boundaries or establishing new precinct boundaries by April 3, 2012. Cities are encouraged to check with their county auditor or other county staff regarding submission of that documentation.

View the list of legislative districts that split political subdivisions in this report (pdf) (*Link to: http://www.mncourts.gov/Documents/0/Public/Court_Information_Office/Redistricting2011Final/APPENDIX_E_Political_Subdivision_Splits_Between_Districts_-_Senate_and_House.pdf*)

The legislative website has a tool already available to tell you which (new) district you live in, by specific address.

- **Access the district look-up tool** (*Link to: <http://www.gis.leg.mn/redist2010/Congressional/C2012/openlayers/index.php?name=C2012>*)
- **Learn more about the redistricting maps from the Office of Secretary of State website** (*Link to: <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/index.aspx?page=1668>*)

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Restaurant 'Jobs' Bill Tries to Add Transparency to Local Public Health Fees



SF 1701 would require additional government oversight by the Department of Health and commissioner sign-off on local licensing fees for bars and restaurants.
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A bill aimed at bringing more transparency to the local licensing fees paid by bars and restaurants cleared its first committee stop on Feb. 21 as **SF 1701** (*Link to:*

https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=Senate&f=SF1701&ssn=0&y=2012) (**Sen. Benjamin Kruse** (Link to: http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/members/member_bio.php?leg_id=15333), R-Brooklyn Park).

The Senate Health and Human Services Committee (Link to:

http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/committees/committee_bio.php?cmtc_id=3050&ls=) provided the first hearing for the bill as it was amended with language to specify that fees charged by the local public health department must not exceed the costs of performing the inspection and related duties. The amendment allows for some overhead, and goes on to say that the fees collected must not be used for any other purpose in the general budget for the city or county. The bill passed out on a partisan voice vote, and now goes to the **Senate Jobs and Economic Growth Committee** (Link to:

http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/committees/committee_bio.php?cmtc_id=3051&ls=).

With the exception of a few cities in Hennepin County, most local public health is delivered through the counties. The Local Public Health Association (LPHA) was active in testifying against the bill in its current form, with a large argument that the new oversight by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) was unnecessary. LPHA also argued that it's easier for local businesses to come in and work with staff and elected officials at the local level.

Committee members challenged the county representatives to this point, as there have been multiple attempts from the business community over the years to move local regulations to a uniform statewide system. Examples of excessive fees from Minneapolis were used in testimony. The city's lobbyist was on hand to refute those and explain some of the intricacies in having an active downtown night life and the related public safety concerns.

While a large part of the debate focused on the hospitality industry and its frustrations, **Sen. Julie Rosen** (Link to: http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/members/member_bio.php?mem_id=1053&ls=) (R-Fairmont) brought up the plight of a small city in her district and its fight with MDH rules and regulations in order to keep the municipal pool open in the summer. In her comments she reminded those in the room, that many cities are operating without "much in their checking accounts," and that state fees impacted them as well.

Sen. Kathy Sheran (Link to: http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/members/member_bio.php?mem_id=1087&ls=) (DFL-Mankato) made one of the closing remarks for the hearing by reminding everyone in the room that the state budget shifts had hurt everyone. That rang true for her when she visited with firefighters during their local day on the hill on Feb. 21.

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Bill Strengthening Legislative Review of Agency Rules Debated in House and Senate



Amendments to the rulemaking review bill remove language that would have repealed small city exemptions from certain costly rules.

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Another in a series of bills aiming to curb agency rulemaking power was heard in both the Senate and House this week.

SF 1922 (Link to: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=Senate&f=SF1922&ssn=0&y=2012) (**Sen. John Pederson** (Link to: http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/members/member_bio.php?leg_id=15336), R-St. Cloud) was heard and passed by the **Senate Committee on State Government Innovation and Veterans** (Link to: http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/committees/committee_bio.php?cmte_id=3054&ls=) on Feb. 20. Meanwhile, the **House Government Operations and Elections Committee** (Link to: <http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/comm/committee.asp?comm=87009>) heard **HF 2169** (Link to: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=House&f=HF2169&ssn=0&y=2011) (**Rep. Michael Beard** (Link to: http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/members/members.asp?leg_id=10754), R-Shakopee) on Feb. 21 and laid it over for further debate, which is scheduled to take place on Feb. 23.

As introduced, the bill would have repealed a provision in state statute that allows a city with fewer than 10 employees to claim a temporary exemption to a rule that the adopting agency determines will impose costs on cities in excess of \$25,000 in the first year of implementation. This provision was removed in both the Senate and House committees, addressing the League's primary concern with the legislation.

The bill would make it easier for the Legislature to stop state agencies from adopting rules. The Legislature delegates rulemaking authority to agencies and has the ability to repeal, modify, or stop the adoption of any rule by passing legislation, which must be signed into law by the governor. This bill would allow a House or Senate policy committee with jurisdiction over the agency in question to file an objection to a proposed rule, which would immediately prevent its adoption. The rule could not be adopted until after the next legislative session adjourns, giving the Legislature and committee the opportunity to modify or repeal the rule.

The bill also specifically targets rules related to environmental regulations. No later than Jan. 15, 2013, the Pollution Control Agency, Department of Natural Resources, Board of Water and Soil Resources, Environmental Quality Board, and Department of Agriculture would have to provide a list to the Legislature of all rules promulgated by the agencies, and provide a summary of the purpose and impact of the rules, including the cost to local governments. The bill would sunset each of those agency rules on Aug. 1, 2013, unless the Legislature passed a law keeping the rules in effect.

Gov. Dayton has expressed concern with similar bills that increase legislative control over the rulemaking process, making it unlikely that the bill in its current form would be signed into law if passed by the Legislature. The League will monitor this and other rulemaking legislation as

the session progresses.

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Controversial 'Strong Towns' Report Raises Questions



The House Property Tax Division took up the "Strong Towns" report, raising questions about Minnesota's demographics and development.

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On Feb. 22, the **House Property and Local Tax Division** (*Link to:*

<http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/comm/committee.asp?comm=87022>) heard a presentation by Charles Marohn, Jr. executive director of Strong Towns. During the presentation, which he entitled "Curbside Chat—A candid talk about the future of America's cities, towns and neighborhoods," he presented a lot of information about cities' development over the year, and particularly spending in the areas of transportation (roads and streets), and wastewater/water infrastructure. The three big concepts of the program, include:

1. The current path cities are pursuing is not financially stable.
2. The future for most cities will not resemble the recent past.
3. The main determinant of future prosperity for cities will be local leaders' ability to transform their communities.

After his presentation, members of the committee delved into a number of big public policy questions—not necessarily all geared toward the local government experience, but rather more on demographic trends, the future of the state, and society in general. **Rep. Paul Marquart** (*Link to: <http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/members/members.asp?id=10401>*) (DFL-Dilworth) had the final question before the end of the hearing, asking what policy recommendations he might have for legislators. Marohn responded with one idea, explaining the state should move to a land tax rather than a property tax, as the current system punishes people who make investments in their property.

Cities and county groups were on hand as they had been asked to give updates on unique or interesting shared-services by local governments around the state. Time did not allow for those shared-services presentations, or for the associations to make comments on the report.

- **Learn more about the Strong Towns organization and access the full Curbside Chat report** (*Link to: <http://www.strongtowns.com>*)

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Bill Protects State Transportation Projects During Shutdowns, Leaves Local Projects Exposed



The League requested that the bill be amended to include local governments, but the authors are unwilling to expand the legislation.

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A bill that is moving quickly through committees in both the House and Senate would keep trunk highway—but not local state aid—projects going during any future state government shutdown related to a political gridlock.

The bills, **HF 1971** (*Link to: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=House&f=HF1971&ssn=0&y=2011*) (**Rep. Michael Beard** (*Link to: http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/members/members.asp?leg_id=10754*), R-Shakopee)/**SF 1530** (*Link to: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=Senate&f=SF1530&ssn=0&y=2011&ls=87*) (**Sen. Joe Gimse** (*Link to: http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/members/member_bio.php?leg_id=15240*), R-Willmar), are in reaction to the situation that occurred last summer when the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) halted all construction projects occurring on state right-of-way because of the state government shutdown. The suspension of the projects resulted in financial losses for contractors, layoffs of construction workers, and project delays. MnDOT and local units of government have endured expensive claims brought by contractors trying to recover losses.

Rep. Beard and Sen. Gimse—authors of the legislation—are chairs of transportation committees in their respective bodies. During the shutdown, they unsuccessfully petitioned Ramsey County Judge Kathleen Gearin to keep trunk highway projects going after MnDOT ordered them shuttered. They argued that since most trunk highway funds are constitutionally dedicated, they should not be withheld by an impasse over general fund spending.

While municipal state aid and county state aid projects were also disrupted during the shutdown, the legislation does not provide for continuance of local projects during a shutdown scenario. The League requested that the bill be amended to include local governments; however, the authors expressed an unwillingness to expand the bill. Both agreed to hear bills that would address local transportation projects, and the League is in the process of having this legislation drafted.

During hearings on the bill, a number of legislators argued that the contingency plan would take some of the pressure off legislators and the governor to complete work on time and reach a compromise on the budget. Early indications are that the governor is not supportive of the legislation.

The so-called "contingency bill" requires an appropriation in an amount sufficient to pay the costs of contracts related to:

- State roads operation and maintenance.
- Program planning and delivery.
- State road construction.

The appropriation must also cover the costs of MnDOT employees considered essential for contract administration and performance. The total appropriation only applies to contracts for which funds were encumbered prior to the date of this appropriation. The bill orders the state commissioner of Management and Budget to ensure that MnDOT is able to access the funds as necessary.

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Senate Local Government Committee Passes Bill Restricting City Zoning Authority



The legislation would limit a city's ability to zone vacation home rentals within residential districts.

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The Senate Local Government and Elections Committee (*Link to:*

http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/committees/committee_bio.php?cmte_id=3052&ls=) passed legislation that places the definition of a vacation rental home into statute and restricts the ability of local governments to zone for this type of use.

The legislation, SF 1190 (*Link to: [https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=Senate&f=SF1190&ssn=0&y=2012)*

[b=Senate&f=SF1190&ssn=0&y=2012](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=Senate&f=SF1190&ssn=0&y=2012)) (**Sen. Roger Chamberlain** (*Link to: http://www.senate.leg.state.mn.us/members/member_bio.php?leg_id=15325*), R-Lino Lakes), brought by the Minnesota Vacation Rental Association (MVRA), seeks to distinguish vacation rentals, which are typically single-family homes, from hotels and resorts in order to avoid regulation as commercial enterprises.

The League, along with the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) and the Minnesota Association of Townships (MAT) opposes legislative zoning because local zoning decisions are best made by local governments, with input from local citizens. Unfortunately, none of the three organizations were given the opportunity to testify before the bill was passed by the committee and sent to the Senate floor on a sharply divided voice vote. A motion to refer the bill to the Commerce Committee for further debate on the merits of the bill made by Sen, Mary Jo McGuire (DFL-Falcon Heights) was defeated.

The amended bill defines a vacation rental as any house, apartment, condominium, manufactured home, vacation home, or "similar property rented on a short-term basis, and would prevent a city from treating a vacation rental as an interim use within residential districts. It also would prevent a city from limiting the use of a vacation rental based solely on its "occupancy, classification, or use." A city could regulate a vacation rental as a conditional use, and the bill does allow a city to regulate certain restrictions on vacation rentals, including regulations related to the number of occupants, parking, waste removal, sewage treatment, and provisions related to the health, safety, and general welfare of the public.

The Minnesota Department of Health expressed concern about losing the ability to license and regulate vacation rentals, and the bill could shift this burden onto local communities. In addition to the specific concerns with the treatment of vacation rentals, the League is concerned that if such legislation passes, it will likely induce other interest groups to seek special zoning status through the Legislature.

The companion bill, **HF 1523** ([Link to: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=House&f=HF1523&ssn=0&y=2012&ls=87](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=House&f=HF1523&ssn=0&y=2012&ls=87)) (**Rep. Mary Liz Holberg** ([Link to: http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/members/members.asp?leg_id=10262](http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/members/members.asp?leg_id=10262)), R-Lakeville), was heard in the House Government Operations and Elections Committee during the 2011 session, and was laid over for further consideration. The League expects the House bill to be heard in the coming weeks. League staff will continue to monitor this legislation and to educate members of the Legislature about the problems this bill would cause.

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Transportation Economic Development Grants Available

Cities may apply for TED grants for transportation projects that meet



economic development objectives.

(Published Feb 15, 2012)

The Commissioners of the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) and the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) have announced a joint solicitation for the 2012 Transportation Economic Development (TED) program. This solicitation follows the 2010 TED pilot program, which provided \$34 million in state matching funds for 10 projects throughout Minnesota.

The 2012 TED program is designed to address both the state's transportation system needs and economic development objectives; to create and preserve well-paying jobs across the state; and to leverage private and local investment in transportation infrastructure improvements.

The program will be funded in this round with \$20 million in MnDOT trunk highway funds and up to \$10 million in DEED general obligation bonding authority. (The final amount of DEED funds remains to be determined pending legislative action over the next few weeks.) Any public entity is eligible to submit an application for TED funding.

Learn more about the TED grantprogram (*Link to: <http://tinyurl.com/PositivelyMinnesota2012TED>*)

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League Seeks Success Stories for City Innovation and Redesign to Share at Annual Conference

Does your city have an innovation and redesign success story? The League wants to know about it!

The League is excited to announce a new offering at the LMC 2012 Annual Conference and Marketplace in Duluth. On Thursday, June 21, we'll offer a series of mini sessions, *City Success Stories: Innovation and Redesign*, in which you or your staff can share a success story with city colleagues from around the state.

We are using a broad definition of success and are interested not only in stories that achieved cost savings but those that resulted in better service quality, expanded service delivery, or otherwise improved services in the city. The success story should highlight a city innovation and redesign effort that achieved measurable results and could be easily replicated in other cities.

We plan to offer six success stories at the conference. The conference committee will select from proposals submitted by March 30. Selection will be based on appeal to our audience, variety, and applicability to other cities. Cities that are selected to present their stories will receive one free conference registration.

Here is the format for the mini sessions:

- Two half-hour mini sessions will be offered on Thursday afternoon. Delegates will choose from three success story presentations for each mini session.
- Each selected city will have 20 minutes to present the success story, including benefits/results, lessons learned and how to implement the idea.
- Five to 10 minutes will be reserved for Q&A.

Interested? Submit a proposal!

If you'd like to submit your story for consideration or have questions, please send the following to Lena Gould at lgould@lmc.org (Link to: <mailto:lgould@lmc.org>). Proposals must be received by 5 p.m. on **March 30**.

- City name, name of contact, and main contact information (phone/e-mail)
- Presenter(s) (if different than contact)
- Briefly describe:
 - The problem/issue addressed and the approach/process used by the city.
 - Barriers encountered; what was easier than expected/ what was more difficult.
 - Timing: time to implement, when implemented, etc.
 - Pluses and minuses realized by the city so far.

Selection criteria

Cities will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Selected stories will **represent different service categories** (police, fire, public works, parks & rec, administration, technology, etc.). Effort will also be made to select cities from across the state and of all population categories.
- Success stories will present **practical ideas**, offer “low-hanging fruit” rather than big stories.
- Demonstrate how the example is **applicable/replicable** to other cities. For example, show how a small city used a big city idea or vice versa.
- Offer **take-away resources** for all attendees; how to replicate (include benefits/results, what to watch out for, how-to’s, etc.)

Presentation guidelines

Selected cities will need to plan a presentation according to the following guidelines:

- Twenty minutes to present (plus Q&A):
 - The problem: what was addressed or what motivated change.
 - The process: who involved, questions answered, hoops jumped through, barriers encountered, etc.
 - Lessons: what was hard/easy; what would you change; advice for others.
 - Why is this a success? How are you defining success?
- City will need to complete a handout (based on LMC template) with details and follow-up contact information. This handout will be distributed to conference attendees.
- The League will provide guidance on creating a poster to be displayed at the conference. Presenting cities will receive one free conference registration.

The League will compile a listing of all submitted stories with city contact information for session attendees.

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LMC Awards Programs

Nominate Your City or Official for a 2012 League Award!

The League each year honors the special achievements of cities and city leaders. Entries are now being accepted for the City of Excellence Awards, C.C. Ludwig Awards, and Leadership Awards.

Chief appointed and chief elected officials in every member city will receive entry brochures in the mail. You may also download the brochure here. The deadline to enter is **May 11**.

- **View the City of Excellence Awards entry form (pdf)** (*Link to:*
<http://www.lmc.org/media/document/1/cityofexcellenceapp.pdf>)
- **View the C.C. Ludwig & Leadership Awards entry form (pdf)** (*Link to:*
<http://www.lmc.org/media/document/1/ludwigleadershipapp.pdf>)

About City of Excellence Awards

The **City of Excellence Awards** (*Link to:* <http://www.lmc.org/page/1/city-of-excellence-awards.jsp>) recognize cities for programs that have helped their cities progress in some way. Awards are given in three different population categories and by one special topic, which is different each year. Topical categories in recent years have included serving senior populations and doing more with less.

Read more about the City of Excellence Awards (*Link to:* <http://www.lmc.org/page/1/city-of-excellence-awards.jsp>)

About C.C. Ludwig and Leadership Awards

The **C.C. Ludwig Awards** (*Link to:* <http://www.lmc.org/page/1/ludwig-awards.jsp>) recognize elected officials who have made significant contributions to Minnesota city government. Similarly, the **Leadership Awards** (*Link to:* <http://www.lmc.org/page/1/ludwig-awards.jsp>) honor appointed city officials who have gone above and beyond the call of duty for their community.

Read more about the C.C. Ludwig & Leadership Awards (*Link to:* <http://www.lmc.org/page/1/ludwig-awards.jsp>)

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Information Session on Brownfield Resources Slated for March 7

The Metropolitan Council and the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) will present an information session about programs that assist with the cost of cleaning up contaminated land. The session will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on March 7 at Ridgedale Library in Minnetonka.

Over \$7 million in grant funds in addition to low-cost loans are available to investigate or clean up contaminants associated with real estate development.

State and federal funds are available for environmental investigation and cleanup activities at sites with:

- Agricultural chemicals
- Asbestos and hazardous materials
- Dry cleaner chemicals
- Petroleum contamination
- Groundwater contamination
- Soil contamination

Agency representatives will discuss programs and funds available from DEED, the Metropolitan Council, Hennepin County, and Ramsey County. There is no cost to attend the session.

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GreenStep Cities Workshop to Explore Sustainability Best Practices

Please join your peers from other Minnesota cities at a workshop that will help you roll up your sleeves and get a better understanding of what it would take to be designated as a Minnesota GreenStep City. The workshop, Building Thriving Communities with Minnesota GreenStep Cities, will take place from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. on March 1 at the League building, 145 University Ave. W. in St. Paul.

Or get more information about specific best practices if you are already a GreenStep City. Additionally, there will be an opportunity to get connected to other resources and assistance to move forward, including the ability to sign up for a GreenStep mentor!

Schedule The meeting will begin with networking at 8:30 a.m., with an overview of the best practice categories starting at 9 a.m. Small group discussions about specific best practice actions will follow. The workshop will end with an optional primer about B3 at 11 a.m.

Learn more and RSVP for this event (*Link to: <http://greenstepwkshp.eventbrite.com>*)

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Find the Right Energy-Efficient Light Bulbs with New Guide

There are a lot of new lighting options out there today, so the Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs) has created a suite of resources to help you find your way.

CERTs has a new bulb guide, recycling options, links, and an e-mail help line. Their *Right Light Guide* will illuminate the main differences between the types of bulbs available, how to identify the brightness of light bulbs, how to read the new labels, and even a shopping list to take to the store. Cities may wish to let their residents know about this new guide to help them as they seek greater efficiency.

Learn more and access the Right Light Guide (*Link to: <http://lighting.mncerts.org>*)

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Cities Invited to Host Americorps Fellows to Focus on Youth Success

The Minnesota Alliance With Youth invites schools, community organizations, government agencies, and others to **submit a proposal** ([Link to: http://mnyouth.net/promise-fellows/host/](http://mnyouth.net/promise-fellows/host/)) to host AmeriCorps Promise Fellows to work on youth issues. The goals would be to strengthen youth success in school and learning, increase youth contribution through service and leadership opportunities, develop and magnify the voices of youth, and promote collaboration and innovation. Applications are due **March 2**.

Learn more about the AmeriCorps Promise Fellows program ([Link to: http://mnyouth.net/](http://mnyouth.net/))

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Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities
CGMC in Brief

February 23, 2012

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Redistricting Plans Released

On Feb. 21, the Judicial Panel on Redistricting released the congressional and legislative maps that will shape Minnesota electoral politics. Although some individual districts will see significant changes due to population shifts, the panel strived for a "least-change" approach so that where possible citizens would be located in districts that are very similar to their old districts. This is most evident in the congressional lines. You can view the congressional redistricting maps and learn more about the details at <http://bit.ly/xD7caz>.

Although the panel applied the "least-change" strategy for the legislative districts as well, slow or declining population growth in Greater Minnesota has resulted in some significant changes. A number of legislators may face off against each other, including Senators Ingebrigtsen (R-Alexandria) and Hoffman (R-Vergas); Rosen (R-Fairmont) and DeKruif (R-Madison Lake); and Carlson (R-Bemidji) and Saxhaug (DFL-Grand Rapids). Senators Gimse (R-Willmar) and Kubly (DFL-Granite Falls) were also paired together but Sen. Kubly has already announced his retirement.

There are also many match-ups in the House, including Representatives Marquart (DFL-Dilworth) and Eken (DFL-Twin Valley); Anzels (DFL - Balsam Township) and McElpatrick (R-Deer River); Cornish (R-Good Thunder) and Torkelson (R-Nelson Township); Koenen (DFL-Clara City) and Falk (DFL-Murdock); Shimanski (R-Silver Lake) and Gruenhagen (R-Glencoe); Hilty (DFL-Finlayson) and Crawford (R-Mora); and Persell (DFL-Bemidji) and Howes (R-Walker).

These legislators are discussing their next steps both publicly and privately. Where the pairings are GOP v. DFL, most legislators have announced that they will run against each other. With the intra-party challenges, the legislators are evaluating options including running for open seats in the other legislative body or moving to remain with their old district. You can dive into the details here: <http://bit.ly/wJdVde>

The maps also create a number of open seats throughout Greater Minnesota including the new SD 9 near Staples and Wadena; the new SD12 near Ortonville, Elbow Lake and Breckenridge; and the new SD20 near Northfield and LeSueur. There are at least 7 open House seats in Greater Minnesota, including the new 2B encompassing much of Becker County; the new 9A near Staples and Wadena; the new 10B encompassing Aitkin County and Brainerd; the new 11A encompassing Carlton County; the new 16B including Redwood Falls, New Ulm and Sleepy Eye; and the new 20B encompassing Northfield. We expect one or two current legislators to consider running in these new seats but it is clear there will be a number of new faces representing Greater Minnesota next January.



CGMC Intern Bill Advances; Featured in Star Tribune

We will provide more detail regarding these changes and the impact on Greater Minnesota in future issues. Meanwhile if you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Wefel at ewefel@flaherty-hood.com

A proposal generated by the CGMC passed a key committee this week in the House and garnered statewide attention in the process.

The Greater Minnesota Internship Program (H.F. 2210, Banaian – St. Cloud) was approved by voice vote in the House Higher Education Committee on Feb. 21, where it enjoyed bipartisan support. CGMC lobbyist J.D. Burton testified in support of the measure, stating that the program would position Greater Minnesota for long-term development by helping keep more college students in Greater Minnesota communities after graduation. The program would provide a small tax credit to a Greater Minnesota business that hires an intern from a public or private higher education institution. Also testifying in support of the measure was a representative from the Minnesota State Students Association and a representative from the Minnesota Rural Counties Caucus. The bill was referred to the House Tax Committee. The Senate Higher Education Committee expects to hear the senate companion (S.F. 1869, Miller - Winona) next week.

The intern bill has begun to attract attention across the state. The Feb. 23 edition of the Star Tribune featured a story about the intern bill in the Metro Section. The CGMC has also submitted a guest column about the CGMC's "Greater Minnesota Economic Recovery Plan" to newspapers across Greater Minnesota. A link to the Star Tribune article and copy of the guest column are attached.

CGMC Testifies in Support of Interchange Program

The House Transportation Committee considered the CGMC's Transportation Interchange Program on Feb. 22. CGMC lobbyist J.D. Burton testified in support of the bill (H.F. 2208), authored by Rep. Deb Kiel, R-Crookston. In his testimony, Burton recounted the success of this program in 2010 for communities like Perham, Worthington, Two Harbors and Marshall, who received grant awards for infrastructure development in their communities. Burton noted that communities like Moorhead and Le Sueur could use additional resources to help boost economic development and increase safety. The bill was laid-over for possible consideration in a larger bonding bill.

Guest Column Submitted on Greater Minnesota Economic Recovery Plan

This week, Fergus Falls Mayor Hal Leland and Mankato City Council President Mike Laven submitted a guest column highlighting CGMC's Greater Minnesota Economic Recovery Plan. A copy of the column is attached to this email. Here are the individual bill numbers and links to track the progress on these proposals:

- **Greater Minnesota Employer Internship Tax Credit**- H.F. 2210 (Banaian)/S.F. 1869 (Miller): <http://bit.ly/wyCK7T>
- **Greater Minnesota Angel Investment Tax Credit Expansion** – H.F. 2332 (Murray): <http://bit.ly/wAxUwj>



- **Greater MN Business Development Public Infrastructure (BDPI) Grant Program-** H.F. 2162 (Murray)/S.F. 1715 (Miller):
<http://bit.ly/wnv8x4>
- **Greater Minnesota Interchange Program-** H.F. 2208 (Kiel):
<http://bit.ly/yWT4wY>
- A bill for the **New Employees Job Training Program Tax Credit** will be introduced in the near future.

CGMC will ask for LGA Increase

The CGMC will be asking the Legislature for an increase in LGA in the 2012 Session. As is documented in the attached chart, Greater Minnesota cities saw their overall property taxes increase by 6.6%, while the metro area saw only a 2.6% increase. In all classifications of property, Greater Minnesota cities were hit harder with property tax increases. However, recent property tax relief measures have favored the metro area. Of the \$30 million provided to the homeowner Property Tax Refund program in 2011, 73% will go to households in the metro area.

The CGMC will be asking for increased LGA because it is the most efficient way to provide property tax relief to all types of property- residential, apartments, and commercial.

Municipal Detachment Reform Bill Moving through Legislature

S.F. 1450, a bill CGMC has been actively working on with the LMC, Minnesota Township Association and Sen. Carlson successfully passed out of the Senate Local Government and Election Committee on Feb. 20. The bill makes several improvements to the process where a property is detached back to the township. It streamlines the process if all parties agree, involves the township in a more formal way, and requires mediation if the parties do not agree. The bill also makes sure that the property owner who is petitioning to have their property detached actually pays some of the costs of the hearing with an Administrative Law Judge, rather than having the lion's share of the cost being borne by the city as has happened in the past. The House version of the bill, H.F. 1738 (Howes) has yet to be heard. Please contact Bradley Peterson at Flaherty & Hood should you have any questions.

House Bill Would End Annexation As We Know It

On Feb. 22, Rep. Kurt Daudt (R – Crown) introduced H.F. 2466, which includes two radical measures which would effectively end a city's ability to annex using the contested case and annexation by ordinance processes. First, the bill would allow the township to request that an annexation be put before the voters of a city and township, rather than using the fact-driven process of having an Administrative Law Judge decide on the matter. Unless 75% of the voters in both jurisdictions agreed, the annexation would fail. Secondly, the bill would allow the township to derail an annexation by ordinance. Historically annexation by ordinance has been a very efficient way to bring limited acres of property into a city.

The bill would also have the practical effect of giving townships no incentive to negotiate orderly annexation agreements with a city. Needless to say, if this bill passes it could have a significant impact on a city's ability to grow.



Please stay tuned for an action alert next week which will ask CGMC members to contact the legislature. If you have questions before then, please contact Bradley Peterson.

Le Sueur EDA and Northland Securities join Economic Partnership Program

The Le Sueur Economic Development Authority and Northland Securities Inc. have recently joined CGMC's Economic Partnership Program. We thank these partners for their support in promoting job growth and economic development in our Greater Minnesota cities. We continue to encourage other cities, chambers, EDAs, and businesses to join this collaborative effort on behalf of strong, rural communities.

Local Chambers continue to take positions against supermajority

The Alexandria Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce recently adopted a resolution in support of LGA funding and in opposition to constitutional limits on spending and raising revenue. The Crookston Area Chamber of Commerce has also adopted resolutions in support of the Greater Minnesota Economic Recovery Plan and against a supermajority constitutional amendment. These two chambers join the Albert Lea-Freeborn County and Luverne Area Chambers in taking a position against a supermajority amendment. Many other local chambers throughout the state are currently considering adopting positions against a supermajority amendment and in support of the Greater Minnesota Economic Recovery Plan.

Mini Lobby Day Reminder

Reminder, CGMC will be hosting a mini lobby day on March 21 at 1 p.m. at the offices of Flaherty & Hood, P.A. This is the day before the Legislative Conference for Cities, Counties, Schools and Townships. CGMC will make lobbying appointments for that afternoon. Activity will be wrapped up in time for the reception at 5p.m. Please RSVP to Amanda Duerr at acduerr@flaherty-hood.com or contact her with any questions.

Media Round-Up

Obviously the big news of the week was the release of redistricting maps, but CGMC issues made a few splashes.

- The Star Tribune covered the Greater Minnesota Internship bill. <http://bit.ly/Ag6jbq>
- The Star Tribune featured an editorial on the need for real property tax reform, not quick fixes. <http://bit.ly/yq4xvY>
- The Brainerd City Council considering adopting CGMC legislative positions. <http://bit.ly/xuNfiw>
- The Marshall Independent featured statistics and comments from Rep. Lyle Koenen on how Greater Minnesota has been hit hard by the loss of MVHC. <http://bit.ly/zLcjEA>
- Morris City Manager Blaine Hill made the news with his opposition to a supermajority constitutional amendment. <http://bit.ly/AfeaMU>
- The Minnesota Budget Project released a report showing a supermajority constitutional amendment could risk Minnesota's credit rating. <http://bit.ly/xRuQ5B>





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Job Creation Answers Found in Our Own Back Yard

Guest Column by:

Hal Leland, Mayor, City of Fergus Falls
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We've been hearing a lot about "job creation" lately. Legislators, the Governor, businesses and local citizens across the state are looking for new ways to grow jobs and get Minnesota working again. But what works in the metropolitan areas of the state does not always work in Greater Minnesota. So instead of sending away for advice, the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC) decided to look in its own back yard.

Recognizing that those closest to the problem are generally best at finding solutions, the CGMC drew upon local expertise to develop the "Greater Minnesota Economic Recovery Plan." This five-month proactive effort utilized the know-how of on-the-ground professionals hailing from Greater Minnesota cities, economic development authorities and chambers of commerce. They provided their insight and guidance to help answer such questions as which job creation programs are working and which are not? They were asked what the state can do better, and what tools are missing from the state's economic development toolbox.

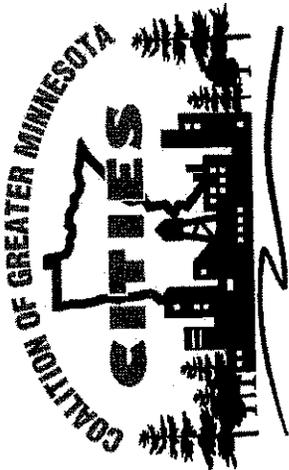
To complement these efforts, the CGMC conducted its own independent research into the changing demographics facing Greater Minnesota communities. Few would be surprised to hear that Greater Minnesota's population growth has lagged behind the metro area or that Greater Minnesota has a lower per capita income. What may surprise many, however, is that Greater Minnesota actually has more residents between the ages of 18 and 24 than the metro area. The problem is that after age 24, we lose many of these workers as they leave Greater Minnesota for the metro area or other destinations out of state. Statistics show that the rest of the rural workforce is decidedly older and less formally educated than the metro. This puts Greater Minnesota at a competitive disadvantage.

The CGMC "Greater Minnesota Economic Recovery Plan" aims to address this competitive disadvantage by providing new grants to businesses to train new employees, connecting students to employers, helping new entrepreneurs flourish in Greater Minnesota, and building the infrastructure necessary to help Greater Minnesota communities compete in the 21st century. Specifically, the following items are needed:

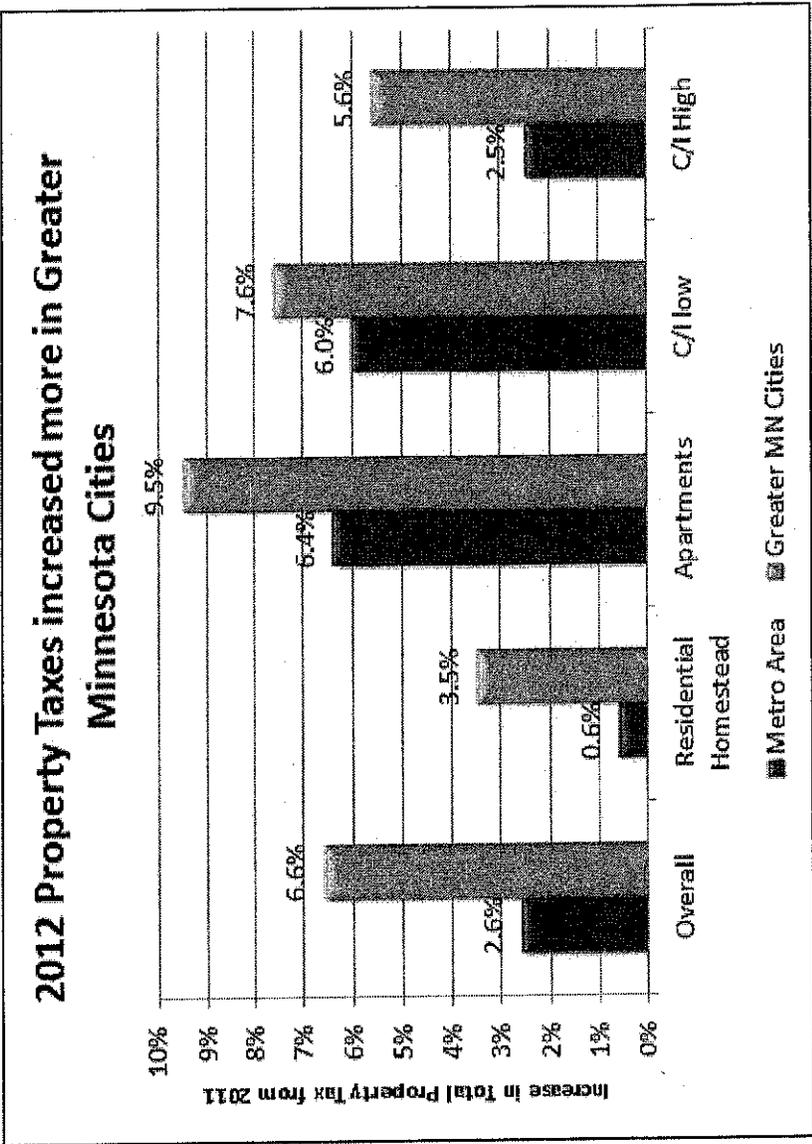
- A New Jobs Training Tax Credit to help fund training of new workers, where businesses receive additional assistance to train new employees in a quick and efficient manner. This will create new jobs and enhance the individual capital of Greater Minnesota workers;
- A Greater Minnesota Internship Program to help businesses connect with college students by creating 1,000 new internships in Greater Minnesota;
- A doubling of the Angel Investment Tax Credit in Greater Minnesota to ensure more entrepreneurs are provided the resources and support necessary to start and grow their business in Greater Minnesota;
- New funding for the Greater Minnesota Business Development Public Infrastructure (BDPI) grant program, which helps prepare industrial parks for new business development; and
- A Greater Minnesota Interchange Fund to provide the needed transportation investments that drive new businesses and investments to Greater Minnesota communities.

As city officials, we know implementing new proposals is difficult work. Yet, our residents and businesses cannot wait any longer. The Legislature – and in particular our Greater Minnesota legislators of both parties - must act now to boost job creation in Greater Minnesota. The CGMC's "Greater Minnesota Economic Recovery Plan" is one place to start. Let's work together to get this done.

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Property Tax Relief Needed for Greater Minnesota Cities



Data Source: MN House Research Simulation Report: Property Tax, #12A6, 2/7/2012
 Prepared by Flaherty and Hood, P.A. for the Coalition of Greater MN Cities, 2/7/2012

- Property taxes have increased more in Greater Minnesota than the metro area.
- Local Government Aid is the most efficient way to bring property tax relief to all types of properties: residential, apartments, and commercial.
- Minnesota cities do not have a spending problem. They've been cut more than they've levied back.
- Recent property tax relief has disproportionately favored the metro area:

 - Of last session's \$30 million increase to the circuit breaker program, 73% will go to households in the metro area.
 - Metro Transit's General Fund money was cut \$25.85 million/year to balance the budget, but this funding will be restored in FY 2014.

Any additional property tax relief should be spent on Local Government Aid because that is where the problem lies.

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Cc: Directors
Subject: [legislative] Friday Fax-February 17, 2012

Friday Fax: Issue 4 (Week of February 13-17, 2012)

Thank you for all of your advocacy and feedback from last week's Friday Fax! This week, we need your help in two particular areas: tell us about your methods for publicizing budget information with your residents (see Jennifer's article below) and let us know if your small city would be impacted by a repeal of a claim for exemption from rules (see Patrick's article below). Please have your finance directors review the article about Object Code Reporting and send comments to Heather (hcederholm@lmc.org). Send comments on the impact of the rulemaking exemption to Patrick (phynes@lmc.org).

Object code reporting bill clears two House committees—What could it cost you?

One of this session's Reform 2.0 ideas, [HF 1954 \(Downey, R-Edina\)](#), a new mandate bill, cleared two more committee stops this week in both the House Government Operations & Elections committee and House State Government committee. In his comments, Rep. Downey explained that he envisions a one- or two-page document that embodies a "citizen-centric" view of budgeting. The bill was amended in the second committee to address some of the definitions related to object codes. Additionally, the amendment tried to address some of the timing issue problems the bill has. (*As of Friday a.m. the website had not been updated with those amendments*). Chair Rep. Morrie Lanning (R-Moorhead) signaled concerns with the bill during discussion by saying the bill would go out of his committee and on to the [House Tax committees](#), but he wanted to see it back in his State Government committee at some point. That is not normal procedure for a bill. Usually, once it leaves a committee it does not come back. Rep. Lanning urged all parties to think of a way this bill could be made workable, and possibly relieve cities of some of the TNT hearing mandates instead.

*******The League expects to be asked for an estimation of how much this mandate will cost cities. We understand that cost estimate will vary from city to city as some cities already provide this kind of information. Please review the bill and send comments to Heather Cederholm at hcederholm@lmc.org. We have already asked for a local impact note to be prepared as this heads to Taxes.***

One of the key local government messages on this has been emphasizing that cities do not have a problem with transparency—and already provide information to citizens in a variety of formats. Part of the local government testimony against this bill has been it is difficult to compare cities with the differences in services, equipment, and personnel.

Sue Iverson, Arden Hills' Director of Finance and Administrative Services, testified in State Government on Thursday morning along with League staff and county officials. One of the new points for the committee that the League addressed was the fact that if cities fail to provide the new information, the state auditor has the ability to withhold LGA, municipal state streets aids, or police and fire aids. This would be a new precedent for their office.

A Senate companion has been introduced, [SF 1741 \(Daley, R-Eagan\)](#) and awaits a hearing in the coming weeks in the [Senate Local Government committee](#).

For questions or concerns, contact Jennifer O'Rourke at 651.281.1261 or jorourke@lmc.org.

Special TIF bills need to be introduced ASAP

Senate Tax staff recently alerted the League that they intend to hold a hearing for all the special tax increment changes bills, before the end of February. This is similar to past years, when the Tax Committees in both bodies held a joint hearing on these local bills. Cities or development authorities in search of flexibility on a local TIF project should be in contact with their legislators as soon as possible and work on legislation to make that happen.

In almost all instances, the city works with their local legislator to carry these types of bills. A handful of cities have already introduced legislation, and the League has heard from a number of cities that have local projects in need of more time on the tax increment flexibilities that were part of the 2010 Jobs bill. While the League and other city groups were successful in getting an extra year tacked on in 2011, they were cautioned to not come back asking for more time in 2012. Individual cities are going to have to do a good job making their case if they are looking for more time.

Questions? Contact Jennifer O'Rourke at 651.281.1261 or jorourke@lmc.org.

Bill strengthening legislative review of rules may impact small cities

HF 2169, a bill introduced by Rep. Mike Beard (R-Shakopee), would make it easier for the Legislature to stop state agencies from adopting rules. The Legislature delegates rulemaking authority to agencies, and always has the ability to repeal, modify, or stop the adoption of any rule by passing legislation, which must be signed into law by the Governor. The bill would allow a House or Senate policy committee with jurisdiction over the agency in question to file an objection to a proposed rule, which would immediately prevent its adoption. The rule could not be adopted until after the next legislative session adjourns, giving the Legislature and committee the opportunity to modify or repeal the rule.

The legislation also repeals a provision in statute that allows a city with fewer than 10 employees to claim a temporary exemption to a rule that the adopting agency determines will result in implementation costs in excess of \$25,000 in the first year of implementation. (Click here to review Subdivision 3 of the Legislative Approval Statute.)

*****The League of Minnesota Cities would like to hear from any small city that has used, or has attempted to use, this claim for exemption from rules.*** The bill has not yet had a hearing, and League staff will monitor its progress.

Questions? Contact Patrick Hynes at 651-281-1260 or phynes@lmc.org.

Municipal detachment bill up next week

The League, the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities, and the Minnesota Association of Townships, in consultation with the Office of Administrative Hearings, have been working for the past year and a half to develop statutory improvements to how municipal detachment petitions are processed. While the proposed legislation does not address all city concerns, it is agreeable to both cities and towns and makes a number of meaningful improvements. It makes significant changes to the hearing process to better involve townships and counties in the decision, requires better documentation of history and rationale for the detachment by the property owner, specifies factors that must be considered in a detachment hearing, and changes the assumptions used to calculate who pays for the cost of the detachment process. It also states that if both the city and township oppose a detachment, the judge must not hold hearings and must deny the petition for detachment.

SF 1450 (Sen. John Carlson, R- Bemidji) and HF 1738 (Rep. Larry Howes, R-Walker) are the bills introduced to address detachment issues. SF 1450 is scheduled to be heard in the Senate Local Government and Elections committee at 1 p.m. on Monday, February 20 in Room 112 of the State Capitol. If passed, it's expected to go directly to the General Register to await final action by the full Senate. An amendment will be offered in committee that will fix technical items in the bill, but the involved parties have agreed that there will otherwise be no other amendments to the bills.

Questions? Contact Craig Johnson at (651) 281-1259 or cjohnson@lmc.org.

Debate begins on legislation restricting ability of cities to license occupations

On Wednesday, the Senate Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee passed [SF 1629](#) (Sen. Chris Gerlach, R-Apple Valley), a bill aimed at reducing the regulation and licensing of occupations in Minnesota by creating a right to engage in a lawful occupation. The legislation is sponsored in consultation with the Minnesota Chapter of the Institute for Justice, an organization that frequently brings lawsuits challenging the validity of local, state, and federal laws and regulations.

The bill's author criticized excessive licensing of occupations that can serve as an impediment to an individual's ability to enter into the market, specifically referencing the licensure of hair braiders—a program that was invalidated after a legal challenge by the Institute for Justice—and tree trimmers. The legislation attempts to make it more difficult to license individuals, and courts are instructed to determine whether a regulation is the least restrictive means of achieving the government's regulatory goals. The bill creates a hierarchy of occupational regulations, listed from least restrictive to most restrictive below:

- A provision for private civil action to remedy consumer harm;
- A requirement for inspections;
- A requirement for bonding;
- Registration according to terms outlined in the bill;
- Voluntary certification; and
- Licensing.

The League of Minnesota Cities has numerous objections to the bill, and testified in opposition at the Senate Commerce Committee hearing. Sen. Gerlach did accept language proposed by the League to clarify that the bill's provisions excludes business licenses, land use regulations, and other restrictions unrelated to an individual's qualification to perform an occupation.

The bill significantly changes the long-standing rights of cities to regulate certain occupations, and raises the burden of proof that a city must meet when defending an ordinance against legal challenge, giving courts substantial authority to make their own determination about the need of government to regulate occupations. A number of trade organizations that license or regulate their members testified against the bill, as did the Department of Commerce and the Department of Labor & Industry.

[SF 1629](#) will next be considered by the Senate Judiciary Committee. The House companion, HF 2002, is authored by [Rep. Keith Downey](#) (R-Edina) and has yet to be scheduled for a hearing.

Questions? Contact Patrick Hynes at 651-281-1260 or phynes@lmc.org.

House Tax Committee considers tax relief bill

On Tuesday morning, the House Tax Committee met to consider [HF 1914](#), the bill offered by [Rep. Greg Davids](#) (R-Preston) that would reduce and then phase-out the state business property tax over 12 years, exclude the first \$150,000 of commercial/industrial property value from the state property tax and increase the homeowner property tax refund and targeting programs. The bill does not modify the seasonal-recreational (cabin) portion of the state general levy, which will continue to be computed per the current law structure.

The bill would also permanently freeze the Local Government Aid (LGA) distribution for each city at the 2012 level and would repeal the LGA calculation and the existing standing appropriation language. Freezing the distribution and eliminating the formula will modify the current law estimates of the 2013 LGA distribution, creating winners and losers relative to current law.

Beyond property taxes and LGA, the bill also includes language that addresses the marriage penalty in the income tax code. The marriage penalty language was successfully offered by Rep. Ann Lenczewski (DFL-Bloomington) during the hearing on the bill in the Property Tax Division. Her amendment was funded largely by modifying the state's treatment of foreign operating corporations and the foreign royalty deduction. These funding mechanisms were opposed by the Minnesota Business Partnership and the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce.

The exclusion of the first \$150,000 of business property value from the state property tax will not impact the amount of property taxes paid by qualifying property owners to cities, counties, schools and other local property tax entities. In addition, the exclusion of the first \$150,000 will not shift the state business property tax to higher value businesses due to the fact that the overall state property tax levy is reduced by an amount roughly equal to the state taxes currently paid on the first \$150,000 of value.

The bill would also fund the property tax changes for the 2012-2013 biennium largely through changes in the state's renters' refund program and also through the savings of roughly \$1.2 million that would be realized by freezing the LGA formula at the 2012 level. The renters' refund program will be reduced by decreasing the percent of rent assumed to be attributable to property taxes from 17 percent to 15 percent. The amendment also creates a separate renters' refund system for elderly and disabled renters. These changes are estimated to reduce the state cost to the program by roughly \$70 million per year.

The homeowner property tax refund (PTR) would be increased by modifying the maximum refund for homeowners with household incomes from \$37,280 to \$100,779, which would be effective for refunds based on taxes payable in 2012. A separate program known as the targeting program, which provides a state-paid tax credit for homeowners with large tax increases, would also be modified. Under current law, the targeting refund is triggered if a homeowner's taxes increase by more than 12 percent and the increase is in excess of \$100, in which case the state will issue a refund equal to 60 percent of the increase over 12 percent and \$100. The bill modifies the state refund by increasing the 60 percent to 90 percent.

At the hearing, the League testified, indicating that League policies (such as FF-3) do not support an artificial freeze in the formula. The League also raised concerns about the permanent nature of the LGA distribution freeze due to the repeal of the existing formula and appropriation. Although the League's policies do not specifically address the phase-out of the business property tax or the exclusion of the first \$150,000 from the state tax, the League indicated that in areas of the state, rising business property taxes have been a concern to city officials. The League also raised a general concern about the increase in the state's long-term deficit projections for FY 2014-2015.

No vote was taken on the bill. The bill was laid over and might be processed separately or it could be included in an omnibus bill.

Questions? Contact Gary N. Carlson at 651-281-1255 or gcarlson@lmc.org.

Voter ID legislation raises new concerns about cost and compliance issues

Prior to approval of a constitutional amendment requiring "government-issued voter photographic identification" at the time of voting and "government-issued proof of identity" when not voting in person (SF 1577, Sen. Scott Newman, R-Hutchinson) by the Senate Local Government & Elections Committee on Wednesday, the League, the Minnesota Clerks & Finance Officers Association, and other local government associations representing counties, townships and school districts voiced serious concerns about increased costs and difficulties of complying with the proposed new voter ID requirements at the polls, and for absentee and mail balloting.

Local election administrators have identified specific changes to the election process that will result, and have serious concerns that the proposed terms of the constitution amendment will make permanent a form of voter identification that will hinder or prevent many voters from casting their votes if they are:

- residents in nursing homes and other residential health care facilities;
- voters who need to change or register for the first time on Election Day;
- students whose college identification may not be accepted at the time of voting;
- individuals who are suddenly hospitalized or are in hospice care; or
- voters who are unable to produce sufficient documentation (birth certificates, marriage license and/or divorce decrees) that will make them eligible to receive state-issued voter photo identification.

The League Board of Directors heard concerns about the bill at their meeting on Thursday including the expectation that additional election administrative costs will result. That is a major factor because cities and other local election jurisdictions will be responsible for administering the new voting process, which will include use of provisional ballots, not only on Election Day, but also for voters who attempt to cast absentee and mail ballots. There are also serious concerns that Election Day voter registration will be significantly affected, with the prospect that no vouching will be allowed.

As the number of voters who will need to use provisional ballots increases, many cities will be forced to process and secure large numbers of provisional ballots.

Questions? Contact Ann Higgins at (651)281-1257 or ahiggins@lmc.org.

Bill protects state transportation projects during shutdowns, leaves local projects exposed

A bill that is moving quickly through committees in both the House and Senate would keep trunk highway—but not local state aid—projects going during any future state government shutdown related to a political gridlock. The bills, HF 1971 (Rep. Michael Beard, R-Shakopee)/SF 1530 (Sen. Joe Gimse, R-Willmar), are in reaction to the situation that occurred in the summer of 2011 when the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) halted all construction projects occurring on state right-of-way because of the state government shutdown. The suspension of the projects resulted in financial losses for contractors, layoffs for construction workers and project delays. MnDOT and local units of government have endured expensive claims brought by contractors trying to recover losses.

The authors of the legislation, Rep. Beard and Sen. Gimse, are chairs of transportation committees in their respective bodies. During the shutdown, they unsuccessfully petitioned Ramsey County Judge Kathleen Gearin to keep trunk highway projects going after MnDOT ordered them shuttered. They argued that since most trunk highway funds are constitutionally dedicated, they should not be withheld by an impasse over general fund spending.

While municipal state aid and county state aid projects were also disrupted during the shutdown, the legislation does not provide for continuance of local projects during a shutdown scenario. The League requested that the bill be amended to include local governments; however, the authors expressed an unwillingness to expand the bill. Both agreed to hear bills that would address local transportation projects, and the League is in the process of having this legislation drafted.

During a hearing on the bill, a number of legislators argued that the contingency plan would take some of the pressure off legislators and the governor to complete work on time and reach a compromise on the budget. Early indications are that the governor is not supportive of the legislation.

The so-called “contingency bill” requires an appropriation in an amount sufficient to pay the costs of contracts related to:

- state roads operation and maintenance;
- program planning and delivery; and
- state road construction.

The appropriation must also cover the costs of MnDOT employees considered essential for contract administration and performance. The total appropriation only applies to contracts for which funds were encumbered prior to the date of

this appropriation. The bill orders the Commissioner of Management and Budget (MMB) to ensure that MnDOT is able to access the funds necessary.

Questions? Contact Anne Finn at (651) 281-1263 or afinn@lmc.org.

Legislative Local Government Aid work group meets

On Friday morning, the legislative Local Government Aid work group convened to consider presentations on tax exempt property and local government overburden. The presentations were provided by Jack Paulson, Senate Counsel and Research and Pat Dalton of the House Research Department.

The tax exempt property discussion indicated that Minnesota has \$84 billion in tax exempt property value. Of that total, \$37 billion, or roughly 44 percent of the total is publicly owned tax exempt property, not including K-12 schools, which make up an additional \$17 billion or 20 percent of the total. Other major classes of exempt property include colleges and universities (\$9 billion, 11 percent of the total), church property (\$8 billion, 10 percent), hospitals (\$5 billion, 6 percent), charitable institutions (\$4 billion, 5 percent), Native American lands (\$2 billion, 2 percent) and other exempt property (\$1 billion, 1 percent).

Generally, the work group discussed how exempt property creates demands for local services even though the property does not generate revenue to cover the costs of those services. The current Local Government Aid (LGA) formula does not include a direct measure of tax exempt property value within each city.

The overburden discussion began with a definition of municipal overburden, which is generally described as the extra costs associated with providing standard government services over and above the normal costs for cities of a given size. Factors often cited as contributing to municipal overburden include such factors as high population density, aging housing stock, large concentrations of low-income, unemployed, aged populations and provision of services to non-residents.

The current LGA formula includes two statistics that are generally considered to be related to municipal overburden: the percent of tax base classified as commercial/industrial property and the average automobile accident rate per capita. The formula also includes regional center aid and jobs-based aid that are in a sense related to the overburden concept. The work group raised some questions about these proxy measures of overburden but did not suggest any specific alternative measures.

The LGA Work Group's co-chairs are Rep. Linda Runbeck (R-Circle Pines) and Sen. Roger Chamberlain (R-Lino Lakes). Other members include: Sen. Rod Skoe (DFL-Clearbrook), Rep. Kurt Daudt (R-Crown), Rep. Paul Marquart (DFL-Dilworth), Mayor Tom Furlong, (Chanhassen), Mayor Jeff Pelowski (Roseau), Dan Madsen, (Administrator, Madelia), Councilmember Barb Johnson (Minneapolis), Steve Peterson (Analyst, Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities) and Rachel Walker (Analyst, League of Minnesota Cities).

The Local Government Aid work group will likely reconvene in March or April.

Questions? Contact Gary Carlson at 651-281-1255 or gcarlson@lmc.org.

Transportation economic grants available

The Commissioners of the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) and the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) have announced a joint solicitation for the 2012 Transportation Economic Development (TED) program. This solicitation follows the 2010 TED pilot program, which provided \$34 million in state matching funds for 10 projects throughout Minnesota.

The 2012 TED program is designed to address both the state's transportation system needs and economic development objectives; to create and preserve well-paying jobs across the state; and to leverage private and local investment in transportation infrastructure improvements.

The program will be funded in this round with \$20 million in MnDOT trunk highway funds and up to \$10 million in DEED general obligation bonding authority. (The final amount of DEED funds remains to be determined pending legislative action over the next few weeks.) Any public entity is eligible to submit an application for TED funding.

Questions? Contact Anne Finn at (651) 281-1263 or afinn@lmc.org.

Calling all 'city day on the hill' dates

Does your city have a legislative day at the Capitol? We'd love to support your efforts in advocacy any way we can during your time at the Capitol. We are collecting a list of city days at the Capitol—make sure yours is included! Don't have a day at the Capitol, or want to join school district, county, and township officials at the Capitol? Join us for the Joint Legislative Conference on March 22, 2012. [Register online now!](#)

Questions? Contact Heather Cederholm at hcederholm@lmc.org or (651) 281-1256.

Looking ahead: Redistricting and February forecast

The redistricting maps will be unveiled on Wednesday. The February budget forecast will be shared on leap day, Wednesday, February 29th. The following Monday morning, IGR staff will conduct a webinar to talk about those two items and other legislation that impacts cities at 10:30 a.m. [Register online now](#) for this FREE webinar—and consider submitting some questions that you want the IGR staff to answer (lmcwebinar@lmc.org).

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GOP Property Tax Relief Bill Update

On Feb. 14, the House Tax committee took testimony on Chair Davids' property tax relief bill, H.F. 1941. The bill provides \$80 million in property tax relief to businesses through an exclusion of the first \$150,000 in value for the statewide business property tax, increases the Homeowner Property Tax Refund Program by \$5 million per year, provides a one-time \$3.5 million increase in to the Targeting program and phases-out the entire statewide business property tax over ten years. The bill also freezes LGA for every city to the level it received in the prior year and eliminates the current LGA formula.

Steve Peterson, Senior Policy Analyst for Flaherty & Hood, P.A. testified on behalf of CGMC on the bill. Mr. Peterson stated that Greater Minnesota businesses would welcome the property tax relief created from the exclusion, but that CGMC did not support the full phase-out of the statewide business property tax without a replacement revenue source. The phase-out would increase already-projected future state budget deficits, as the tax currently generates \$1.6 billion a biennium. Further, the vast majority of the bill's property tax relief goes to the metro area after the first year. Mr. Peterson also objected to the bill's elimination of the LGA formula before a replacement formula can be created. No action was taken on the bill and it remains in the purview of the House Tax Committee.

The CGMC website has been updated with the most current comparison of our cities' LGA and MVC losses and levy increases. View it here:
<http://bit.ly/zf9gBj>

Bill to Require Additional Budget Reporting Working its Way Through House

H.F. 1954 (Downey) would require cities over 2,500 in population and all counties to publically report budget information by expenditure type such as salary, benefits, pension costs, supplies, and professional services, in addition to doing so by program area. The bill requires that at the time a city certifies its preliminary levy in September, it also posts four years of data on its website or other official publication: the two most recently completed years, an estimate for the current year, and a projection for the next budget year.

The bill was heard on Feb. 14 in the House Government Operations and Election Committee. Several local government officials, including Glencoe Administrator Mark Larson, testified in opposition to the bill. They noted that very rarely are cities ever asked for that level of detail in their budgets by the public and pointed out the burdens of compiling data in this way is another unfunded mandate with an unknown cost in staff time and expense. Clearly, compliance with this mandate would be difficult for smaller cities with only one or two (if any) dedicated finance staff.



The bill was heard in the House State Government Finance Committee on Feb. 16. It has several committee stops to go before reaching the House floor.

This legislation seems to be primarily the brainchild of the Minnesota Taxpayers Association and NAIOP – the commercial real estate association. More about MTA and NAIOP's plan can be found at www.opengovernmentmn.com.

CGMC will continue to monitor the progress of this bill and work with LMC and other local government organizations to limit its impact on cities and counties. Contact Bradley Peterson with any questions or comments.

Redistricting Maps To Be Released Next Tuesday

Talks at the legislature to reach a compromise deal on redistricting have failed. What this means is that the Judicial Panel on Redistricting will be deciding how legislative and congressional lines will be drawn. On Tuesday, February 21, the Panel will release its opinion containing the maps in the regular course of the business day. We will provide more detailed information on the redistricting plan in next week's CGMC in Brief.

Conservation Rate Policy

Last week, the CGMC adopted a policy regarding the conservation rate structure, asking that it be made voluntary rather than mandatory. This week, the bill regarding conservation rates moved forward in the Senate after it was amended into a larger permitting bill, S.F. 1567. Currently, the bill would remove the conservation rate structure completely. That language is being negotiated. Several DFL legislators have strongly objected to a complete repeal and are urging the Governor to veto the bill. In an effort to save the bill from veto, there are behind-the-scenes negotiations with the DNR to make the language more palatable. The new proposal would still require that cities take aim at water conservation, but provide options other than a conservation rate to achieve that affect. We will continue to update you on progress. If you have questions, please contact Elizabeth Wefel at ewefel@flaherty-hood.com

CGMC Testifies in Support of BDPI Grant

CGMC lobbyist J.D. Burton testified in the House Jobs and Economic Development Finance Committee on Tuesday in support of a \$15 million appropriation for the Greater Minnesota Business Development Public Infrastructure (BPDI) grant program. This legislation is a component of the CGMC's Greater Minnesota Economic Recovery Plan.

This legislation (H.F. 2162) is authored by Rep. Rich Murray (Albert Lea), who presented the bill in committee. In his testimony, Rep. Murray noted the program has a tremendous record of success and cited two examples of communities in his district that have utilized the grant in the past. J.D. Burton also highlighted the program's need and use and articulated the importance of giving Greater Minnesota communities a chance to bring new jobs and industry to their regions.

The BDPI funding is provided through general obligation bonds, so the legislation was laid-over for possible inclusion in the House Capital Investment bill. Sen. Jeremy Miller (Winona) has introduced the Senate companion (S.F. 1715). For more information, please contact J.D. Burton with Flaherty & Hood, P.A.



Greater MN Intern Bills Introduced, Garners Bipartisan Support

This week, legislation to create a Greater Minnesota Internship Tax Credit program was introduced by a bipartisan group of legislators in the House and Senate. Both bills were referred to their respective Higher Education Committees. Each bill is also coauthored by the Chairs of those Higher Ed Committees. This legislation is part of the CGMC's Greater Minnesota Economic Recovery Plan.

The bills (H.F. 2210 / S.F. 1869) would provide a small tax credit to businesses in Greater Minnesota that employ a college student from a Minnesota public university as an intern. The student would be paid and receive academic credit. The program is designed to connect Greater Minnesota businesses with students in order to facilitate connections that may lead to future employment. Currently, there are more people with at least a two- or four-year degree in the metro area compared to Greater Minnesota (48% - 32%).

The chief authors of the bills are Rep. King Banaian (St. Cloud) and Sen. Jeremy Miller (Winona). For more information, please contact J.D. Burton with Flaherty & Hood, P.A.

Legislation to Replace JOBZ Advances in House

With the JOBZ program scheduled to sunset in 2015, the Legislature is moving forward on a replacement program that would apply statewide.

The Performance Rewards on Fast Investment Today (PROFIT) program would provide tax benefits for businesses in selected industries statewide that create at least 10 jobs at specified wage levels and invest \$500,000 in an eligible construction project. Local governments would work with eligible applicants for initial approval. The tax benefits include refunds of state and local sales taxes on all services and purchases, motor vehicle sales taxes and state and local property taxes. The refunds are provided once two-year goals are achieved. The legislation does not directly repeal the JOBZ program, but it has been described as a tool to replace JOBZ for the future.

The House bill (H.F. 1676, Gunther) was approved in the House Jobs and Economic Development Finance Committee on Tuesday, where it was subsequently referred to the House Tax Committee. No hearing has been scheduled yet for the Senate companion (S.F. 1421, Senjem). For more information, please contact J.D. Burton with Flaherty & Hood, P.A.

Meetings continue with Greater Minnesota Chambers

Flaherty & Hood staff continues to reach out and meet with Greater Minnesota chambers of commerce to build support for CGMC programs and positions. In the past week, Tim Flaherty has traveled to Bemidji to meet with the City, Chamber, and newspaper regarding CGMC's opposition to a supermajority constitutional amendment and support for increased LGA and the Greater Minnesota Economic Recovery Plan. He also met with the Cloquet Area Chamber about these initiatives.

The support of local chambers of commerce is an important tool in our lobbying efforts at the State Capitol and can play a significant role in persuading legislators to support CGMC positions. We continue to encourage Greater Minnesota cities to partner with their area chambers to advocate for our priorities!



Chamber Resolutions

The Luverne Area Chamber has adopted resolutions in support of the CGMC Greater Minnesota Economic Recovery plan, increased funding for LGA, and in opposition to a supermajority constitutional amendment. It has also included these items in its 2012 Legislative Priorities. We thank the Luverne Area Chamber for their support of CGMC positions and continue to encourage other local chambers to adopt similar resolutions.

Media Round-up

- Rep. Davids' bill phasing out the statewide business property tax and freezing LGA has garnered significant media attention. Here is the Grand Forks Herald coverage of the legislation: <http://bit.ly/ADgaZJ>
- The Rochester Post Bulletin covered the hearing (mentioned above) of CGMC's proposal providing \$15 million for BDPI grants for rural economic development: <http://bit.ly/A2e1r1>
- The Winona Daily News covered the introduction of CGMC's Greater MN Intern bill, mentioned above: <http://bit.ly/xajQ7p>
- Janesville Mayor Mark Novak submitted an excellent column recapping local leaders' efforts on CGMC's Legislative Action Day: <http://bit.ly/waXPmR>
- The Bemidji Pioneer noted CGMC's efforts against a supermajority constitutional amendment: <http://bit.ly/AnEfRr>. This piece was also featured in the Pioneer Press and MinnPost.

Legislative Action Day Photos

Click here to view photos from the 2012 CGMC Legislative Action Day! <http://bit.ly/yaEP8D> By clicking on the individual images, you can get a narrative of the photo.

