

CITY OF WINDOM

NEWS & NOTES

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Department Head Meeting Highlights

- Coronavirus Information and Discussion
 - Masks for employee use have been received from MMUA Safety. Each Department Head has been provided them for each Department.
 - City Hall, Library, Arena & Community Center plans for “soft opening” were approved by the City Council. Still awaiting State guidance or Executive Orders for swimming pool. Regulations and rules to open camping mandate more spacing and require extensive staff time for cleaning\record-keeping. Very difficult for small campgrounds so Windom’s spots will remain closed.
- 2020 Street Project Update – Progress on Highland Avenue and 14th Street going well. Work to start on the overlays for 16th Street and South 6th Street to begin on June 1st. Project information is on the City website (weekly newsletters) on the Street Department page.

Activities & Project Updates

- Streets – 600 tons of material hauled onto alleys. Crews will start street patching next week. Doing some catch basin repairs. Tennis Court construction crew arrived in town on May 27.
- Parks – Mowing. The public is encouraged to use the parks and ball fields.
- Police – Graduation parade went well. Busy Memorial Day weekend.
- Electric – Crews working on the underground service for Avera and doing a redundant loop feed for the hospital.
- Library – Curbside service going well. Will start limited opening to the public on June 1st. Outside activities being planned for the summer reading program.
- Liquor – Busy Memorial Day weekend.
- Telecom – Doing virtual server update and email server update. Busy with locates.
- Water\Wastewater – Keeping up on construction activities for the WWTP and Street project.
- Economic Development Authority – Hy-life (Canadian company) bought a majority stake in Prime Pork. Working on expansion of production and hiring.
- Building\Zoning – Variance for Oddson Underground building was approved.

- Arena – Horse shows cancelled for May. Racquet ball area work still on-going. Outdoor rink being prepped.
- Pool – Awaiting State action.
- Recreation – Awaiting State action.
- Community Center – Staff working on maintenance items at the Community Center and staff helping out at Streets and the Liquor Store.
- City Office/Finance – Payroll system has on-line access feature this will be made available to employees to review payments, leave accruals\use, etc.

CITY COUNCIL – June 2, 2020

The upcoming City Council meeting will include these highlights:

1. Setting the Filing Period for the Upcoming 2020 Election
2. CARES Act – Authorization to Accept two grants (Ambulance and Airport)
3. Personnel Policy – Language Update for Minnesota Retirement System
4. Coronavirus Updates\Information
5. Contractor Payment – Gridor Construction for WWTP

KUDOS

Last, but not least, I want to thank all of you for all your efforts on behalf of the City. To help recognize City staff that go above and beyond, I am asking that **if you have a co-worker you want to thank or recognize for their work please send me an email** and I will include their name in the News & Notes Kudos.

- Thank you to **Mayor Jones** for his leadership and advocacy for re-opening Windom businesses.
- **Jeff Dahna and Tim Fjeld** for all their work to fix the telecom email outage earlier this week.

Thank you to everyone for your hard work and dedication to the citizens of our community.