

CITY OF WINDOM

NEWS & NOTES

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Department Head Meeting Highlights

- Coronavirus Information and Discussion
 - The State released CARES Act funding to local governments. A joint meeting with Cottonwood County and local units of government is scheduled for this evening to discuss funding options.
 - Additional K95 masks are available for City employees. Please see your Department Head if you need some for City work.
 - The State of Minnesota is considering a state-wide mask mandate for anyone in public buildings or public places. Should Governor Walz make this Executive Order we will need to work on procedures for City staff.
- 169 Quevli Avenue and 70 11th Street – Cottonwood County is requesting the City to sign off on the tax forfeit sale of these two properties.
- LMCIT Building Review – Our insurance provider is contracting with a 3rd party to update the appraised value of the City's buildings for our coverages.
- Employee Recognition Event – Friday, August 21st starting at 5:30 pm at the Community Center.
- City Council Strategic Planning Meeting – Was rescheduled from July 14th to July 28^h. The meeting will remain starting at 5:00 pm and be held at the Community Center, Lakeview Room. This will be a discussion of their long range plans and goals. The meeting is open to the public.

Activities & Project Updates

- Streets – Street project moving along. The Gas Company doing work on 18th Street. City crews will be working on patching potholes on 10th Street.
- Parks – The Public rest rooms at Cottonwood Lake were opened and vandalism occurred consisting of human waste being left on the floor. Crews working on tree-trimming.
- Police – Tessa Crowell is new PT Officer. PD will be getting \$15,000 of seizure funds from a drug bust, which will be shared with the State, Cottonwood County Attorney and City of Mt. Lake.
- Electric – Poles on Cottonwood Lake Drive and 16th Street are down. Crew going back to work on County Road 13 boring project with Telecom.

- Library – Seeing more on-site visitors and on-line offerings are going well. Library got 4 wi-fi hotspots to loan out to patrons through a State grant.
- Liquor – RFP for feasibility study was approved by the City Council.
- Telecom – Working on spam filter impacting Cottonwood County emails. Doing work in conjunction with the Street project and electric department. Staff still doing installs.
- Water\Wastewater – Plant work continuing and crew working on items that come up with the Street project.
- Economic Development Authority – Spec Building purchase approved by EDA for possible conversion to residential use if re-zoning passes. Information on the website regarding this project. River Bluff lot sale for a new home to be constructed is in process.
- Building\Zoning – Planning and Zoning Commission meeting to hear a variance for single-family property along Hwy 71 and the re-zoning application for the EDA Spec Building. Walk through for new elementary school is scheduled.
- Arena – Staff working on completing old locker room renovations. Maybe one outdoor horse show this year.
- Pool – First session of swimming lessons wrapping up. Working with Department of Health on protocols if any children that were at the pool are found to have been exposed to or have COVID.
- Recreation – Summer baseball will end in a couple weeks.
- Community Center – Wedding last weekend went well. New ice machine and dishwasher coming soon.
- City Office/Finance – The 2019 Audit is finally completed. 2021 budget books will be going out to Department Heads in the near future. Wellness activity for a free employee screening is scheduled for August 5th and is needed for the \$500 health care incentive if you have not already had a screening completed this year.

CITY COUNCIL – July 21, 2020

The upcoming City Council meeting will include these highlights:

1. Planning and Zoning Commission – Variance and Rezoning Recommendations
2. City Council Chamber – Audio and Video Equipment Updates
3. Arena – MN ICE LLC proposed legal settlement
4. Second Reading of Tobacco Ordinance to Comply with State & Federal Law
5. Tax Forfeited Property – Cottonwood County Auditor
6. Contractor Payment(s)

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