

CITY OF WINDOM

NEWS & NOTES

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Department Head Meeting Highlights

- Coronavirus Information and Discussion
 - City Departments were asked for items (e.g. equipment and supplies) that are needed or desired in response to COVID. The School District is requesting City assistance for internet costs as well as the Chamber of Commerce for business grants. Once a list is completed it will go to the City Council for priorities and funding earmarks.
- City Building Appraisals – The League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust (LMCIT) is having an appraiser come to Windom to evaluate all insured buildings and structures. The appraiser will be in town on September 2nd.
- City Council Resignation – Council member Byam noted that he is moving out of town and would be resigning his City Council position. Presently, Norman Bedner and Jackie Schmidt have filed for Council member Byam's Ward II seat. One option to replace Mr. Byam would be to seat the winner of the November election early, but that will be up to the City Council to decide once Mr. Byam's resignation is official.
- City Council Strategic Planning Meeting – The next meeting focusing on finances and revenues will be on September 22nd. These meetings are open to the public and staff is welcome\encouraged to attend.

Activities & Project Updates

- Streets – City crews patching potholes. Some traffic control signs have been placed to help with traffic issues.
- Parks – The Dog Park fence is nearly completed. The Parks & Recreation Commission is recommending the permanent closure of the Island Park Campground due to non-compliance with license requirements.
- Police – Officers generally busy.
- Electric – Boring in power lines continues and doing some work for Telecom. New line worker Tristan Joel starting. Mapping work will resume this fall.
- Library – Business is very good. Last week of summer reading program and virtual page turn on Facebook. MN State Library is making available three databases for public use.
- Liquor – Interviews today with Architectural firms. Beer shortages are anticipated.
- Telecom – Co Rd 13 boring crossings. The Elementary school service was cut by the landscapers.
- Water\Wastewater – Plant work continues to move to end stages. Empire getting quotes for jetting 15,000 to 16,000 feet of sewer.

- Economic Development Authority – Working on Housing leads.
- Building\Zoning – 169 Quevli Avenue and 70 11th Street homes demolished. Shortages of building materials. Blighted homes demolition incentive program approved by the City Council.
- Arena – Possible outdoor horse show in September. Hockey Association wants to do some concrete work on the west end of the facility for safety.
- Pool – Closing in a couple weeks.
- Recreation – Recreation programs done.
- Community Center – School not leasing the Center. Event scheduling is picking up.
- City Office/Finance – City-wide clean-up coming in September. Doing on-line process to purchase recycling tags. Working on 2021 budgets. Software system update in late September.

CITY COUNCIL – September 1, 2020

The upcoming City Council meeting will include these highlights:

1. Resolution Accepting Donations for Fire and Police Departments
2. Wolf Lake Trail Plan Presentation
3. Liquor Store – Recommendation for Feasibility Study Consultant
4. Resolution for TIF District 1-22 Substandard Building
5. Parks & Recreation Commission Recommendation – Campground Closure
6. Street Department – Sign Placements
7. Contractor Payment(s)

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