

CITY OF WINDOM

NEWS & NOTES

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Department Head Meeting Highlights

- City Building Appraisals – The appraiser working for the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust (LMCIT) was in town on September 2-3 and the visit went well.
- 2021 Budget – A preliminary property tax levy must be completed by September 30. Due to the labor agreements expiring, health insurance costs rising, possible State Aid reductions, the 2020 Street Project and the City Council's desire to limit tax impacts on businesses and households impacted by the COVID pandemic there are many more unknowns than in past years. Department Heads worked with Administration and Finance to keep these budget priorities in mind in creation of the 2021 preliminary budget. The City Council will meet in October to review operational and capital proposed expenditures.
- Night to Unite – Tyann Marcy, Windom Chamber Director, attended the meeting to discuss the plans for Night to Unite on October 5th and coordinate with City Departments.

Activities & Project Updates

- Streets – 2020 Street project going well and will finish on time.
- Parks – The City Council did not vote to close the campground. Discussion at Parks & Recreation Commission about the pirate ship on September 9th.
- Police – Officers generally busy.
- Electric – New switch at Island Park. Working on transmission line easements. Will do a MPower GIS software refresher class later this year.
- Library – Library Card registration month. Virtual story time will be returning.
- Liquor – TSP selected to do the feasibility study. Labor Day weekend business was good.
- Telecom – Avera Clinic has been connected. Some things like locates is slowing down.
- Water\Wastewater – WWTP crew working on last big item. Testing of equipment is underway and chemical costs being researched.
- Economic Development Authority – Ribbon-cutting for Lakeside Apartments will be on September 15th.
- Building\Zoning – P\Z will be discussing rental licenses (covid delay). Three new P\Z commissioners. Avera parking lot has first asphalt lift done. Lakeside Apartment final inspections occurring.

- Arena – Hockey Association doing some cement paving for the west end to improve safety for users.
- Pool – Pool is closed.
- Recreation – Recreation programs done.
- Community Center – The ALC School will be leasing space for 4-8 weeks. The roof is being evaluated by a roofing company.
- City Office/Finance – City-wide clean-up coming in September 19th with tags available on-line. Apartment move-ins are keeping staff busy.

CITY COUNCIL – September 15, 2020

The upcoming City Council meeting will include these highlights:

1. Public Hearing for 2020D General Obligation Bonds - Refinancing
2. Night to Unite Proclamation and Street Closure
3. Taxi – Set license fee
4. Set 2021 Preliminary Levy
5. Law Enforcement Center – Lease renewal with Cottonwood County
6. Joint Powers Agreement with State of Minnesota
7. Possible Land Acquisition for Trail
8. CARES Act Fund – Discussion
9. Contractor Payment(s)

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