

# CITY OF WINDOM

## NEWS & NOTES

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November 10, 2020

### Department Head Meeting Highlights

- New Water\Wastewater Superintendent – Ryan Anderson was introduced and gave a brief biography.
- Retirement Announcement – Glenn Lund, Water\Wastewater Superintendent announced that his last day will be May 1, 2021.
- New City Council Member – Jacqueline Schmidt won the race for the Ward II seat that was vacated by Rod Byam. Due to this vacancy, she will be administered the oath of office and seated at the November 17<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.
- CARES Act Funds – Any new requests as funds need to be spent and items completed by November 15<sup>th</sup>. Staff discussed the use of the sanitizing equipment and anticipated arrival of the other items and chemicals.

### Activities & Project Updates

- Streets – Hauled 140 loads of compost away from the site. Street sweeping is done due to the snow. Catch basins were cleaned. Has available a furnace and water heater the Department is no longer using.
- Parks – Staff got the winterization work completed.
- Police – Officers generally busy. They used forfeiture funds to purchase reflective glasses as there have been incidents in other communities of officers being blinded by lasers.
- Electric – Crew continuing to work on mapping and re-wiring (updating) the generator controls.
- Library – Testing options for the Winter reading program with Plum Creek. Continuing work on the video displays. Will continue to do curb side service as it is popular.
- Liquor – “Singles” cooler sales were \$1,500 in first two weeks. Staff working on hours for upcoming holidays.
- Telecom – Working on migrations, etc.
- Water\Wastewater – New road is in at the WWTP. Minnesota Department of Health did an inspection at the Water plant and all looks good.
- Economic Development Authority – Conditional Use Permit for the manufactured housing park is up with the Planning Commission for the new location south of the NWIP. Spec building has more interest from developers looking at the site for housing and possible sale by the end of November.
- Building\Zoning – Planned Unit Development (Gove Acres) moving forward. Planning Commission meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup> for several items.

- Arena – All practices underway and hockey games starting this weekend.
- Pool – Pool is closed.
- Recreation – Recreation programming done for the season.
- Community Center – Insurance will likely cover the shingling costs. Staff shortage due to a medical leave in December. 2021 bookings are coming in.
- City Office/Finance – City Hall office closing at 2:30 pm today (November 10<sup>th</sup>) for staff training. Year end work is starting.

**CITY COUNCIL – November 17, 2020**

The upcoming City Council meeting will include these highlights:

1. Oath of Office – Jacqueline Schmidt – Ward II City Council
2. Assessment hearings for Misc. Special Assessments and 2020 Street Project
3. Conditional Use Permit for Gove Acres – 350 19<sup>th</sup> Street
4. Conditional Use Permit for Hy Life Foods – South of Opportunity Drive
5. Variance – Side yard setback – 1870 Red Leaf Court
6. Contractor Payments

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