

CITY OF WINDOM

NEWS & NOTES

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70th Edition

February 23, 2021

Department Head Meeting Highlights

- Introduction – Cheryl Ulferts, Finance Director\Controllor
- Windom Area School District Request – “City Day” Tours and Job Opportunities
- League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust – Loss Control Workshops (virtual)
- No News on 1c Essential Workers Vaccine Timeline
- Other COVID Updates & Vaccine Planning

Activities & Project Updates

- **Arena** – State increased spectator capacity to 250. LED lights put into Community Room.
- **Community Center** – Thanks to Street Dept for helping out. Indoor volleyball and soccer underway. 13 weddings booked.
- **Telecom** –Staff continuing to work on converting apartments to new hardware and racking at the Network Operations Center (NOC).
- **Liquor** – TSP consultants to present liquor store study now scheduled for City Council now on April 6th due to scheduling conflicts. Two new PT clerks hired.
- **Water\Wastewater** – Main lift generator issue being worked on. Annual pollutant sampling currently underway. Continue to thaw out some water line freeze ups.
- **Police** – Business is steady.
- **Economic Development Authority** – WADC doing livability business loans at 0% interest and have \$50,000 available. County initiative for commercial and industrial tax abatement programs starting.
- **Library** – Blind date with a book promotion had 10 participants. Starting to work on Summer Reading program items for Community Education. Staff continuing book inventory and turnover.
- **Electric** – Crew generated 12 hours of power last week during cold snap, to reduce power costs as the markets were over \$200 per megawatt hour vs typical cost of \$20s to \$50s. Staff continuing LED replacements at City facilities.
- **Building\Zoning** – Kwik Trip conditional use permit approved with construction planned for 2022. Gove Acres may re-submit PUD development plans with municipal infrastructure vs. privately owned. City Code Review RFP is out for consultant submittals.

- **Streets & Parks** – Crew working on equipment maintenance. Cleaning out catch basins the next few days to help drain water from melting snow. Will go back to tree trimming if weather stays nice.
- **City Hall Office** – Auditors started remote field work on February 22 and will be on-site February 23.
- **Recreation** - Starting to work on Summer programs for Community Education booklet.

CITY COUNCIL – March 2, 2021

The upcoming City Council meeting will include these highlights:

1. Exempt Gaming Permit – Ducks Unlimited
2. Donations to Library and Parks Departments
3. Rental Housing Licensing Extension for Zone 3
4. Calling for Public Hearings – Single Family Tax Abatements (3 properties)
5. Resolution Approving Cottonwood Co Remodeling Tax Abatement Program
6. Calling for Public Hearing – Guardian Inn Remodeling Project
7. Schedule Board of Equalization Meeting for May 10, 2021
8. Additional Mayor Appointments to Boards\Commissions
9. Contractor Payments (TBD)
10. Annual Evaluation – City Administrator

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