

CITY OF WINDOM

NEWS & NOTES

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75th Edition

May 11, 2021

Department Head Meeting Highlights

- Recognizing Signs of Drug\Alcohol Use Training
- SkillPath - Supervisor Training Retreat Discussion
- Council member Schmidt Resignation and Replacement Process

Activities & Project Updates

- **Arena** – The rink has clay and sand will be brought in. Steel delivery for roof project expected in 1 -2 weeks.
- **Community Center** – Weekends very busy with events.
- **Telecom** – Long lead times for equipment and materials. Working on Co Road 13 connections. Advertising for Outside Plant Tech and Cable Tech positions. Watch out for PEDS when mowing.
- **Liquor** – PT stockroom\clerk position hiring next week. Hiring help is difficult. Will see product delays and shortages.
- **Water\Wastewater** – Well #11 motor wiring underway. Gove Acres water\sewer work underway. Hydrant flushing completed. Empire Inc. is in town doing some jetting in River Road area for the Vold Lift.
- **Police** – Body cameras have arrived and will be working to set them up and have Council approval in June.
- **Economic Development Authority** – New City street east of Dollar General a “go”. DEED redevelopment grant for Cemstone area will be on for acceptance, but work not anticipated until 2022 – 2024. Have housing rehab funds still available and will seek timeline extension.
- **Library** – Summer reading program outreach to day cares and school children. Working with Hy-Life on welcome project for new residents.
- **Electric** – East hill underground project moving along. Two linepersons are out at school this week. Wind Power Purchase Agreement for Council approval. Agreements for ROW on railroad property to Council. Mike Bregel, Electric Foreman, will be retiring July 31st and last day in office is in June.
- **Building\Zoning** – Gove Acres construction work started. Car wash and single-family home projects to start next week. Rental inspections going slowly. A number of nuisance letters being sent out.

- **Streets & Parks** – Mowing and park clean-up underway. Working on prep for street patching & crack-filling. Paint vendor said long wait times on product. Insect spray did arrive and unit is ready for use. Crew is replacing the roof on the Tegel's Park shelter roof.
- **City Hall Office** – PT position in the office will be filled by Lisa Sprague as of May 17th.
- **Recreation** – Summer program prep continues. Worked on the Sand Volleyball court.
- **Pool** – Pool prep and work on doors needed. Targeting mid-June opening for the Pool.

CITY COUNCIL – May 18, 2021

The upcoming City Council meeting will include these highlights:

1. Proclamation for National Peace Officer Memorial Day & Police Officer Recognition
2. Authorization for Wholesale Power Purchase Agreement
3. Approve Right of Way Agreements with Union Pacific Railroad
4. DGR Engineering Agreement for Services
5. Small Cities Development Program – Request for Grant Extension with Housing Rehab Funds
6. Authorize DEED Redevelopment Grant – Cemstone Redevelopment Area
7. Public Safety & Fire Department Budget Data & Fire Fee Data
8. Island Park – Pirate Ship
9. Authorization for Dept of Transportation – Airport Grant Agreement
10. Mayor Appointment – Hospital Board
11. Parks, Streets and Pool – Seasonal Hires
12. Contractor Payments (TBD)

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