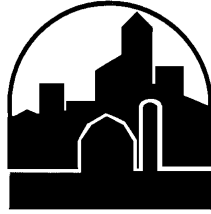


CITY OF WINDOM

NEWS & NOTES

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Department Head Meeting Highlights

- Appointment of Lisa Farag to Ward II City Council Seat
- A Workplace Accident & Injury Reduction (AWAIR) Program Update
- American Recovery Plan Funds – Update
- Vehicle Fleet Worksheet\Inventory
- Cottonwood Co Tax Forfeited Properties Review
- July 1st City Council Packet Deadline
- City Website – Pages Deleted\Stored

Activities & Project Updates

- **Arena** – Roof replacement work to be done by August 1. Doing some cleaning and will host a wild horse and burro sale.
- **Community Center** – Parking lot seal-coated and lines re-painted. Both asphalt and coating work done on the roofs. A\C unit work also done. Busy schedule.
- **Telecom** – Gove acres fiber install with Electric Dept. Peds have very long lead times and inventory is low so be careful mowing and in alleys. Doing Telecom maintenance work and working on Co Rd 26 fiber.
- **Liquor** – July 4th weekend prep. Pet supply drive will get \$200 from MMBA\Coors. Open clerk position due to resignation. Delivery door damaged by vendor and working on repair\replacement. July 4th hour will be 11 am to 6 pm.
- **Water\Wastewater** – East Tower fill issue is fixed. Valve at water plant fixed and three others to be replaced. Have door and frame to replace at wastewater plant then the contractor can come in to finish painting and re-doing some landscaping work.
- **Police** – Body cameras up and working well. July 1 is the start of the shared officer with the Hospital.
- **Economic Development Authority** – A private developer is looking at doing two units on the Thom property off 18th Avenue. The work on the Kayak launch is now being done by Dick's Welding.
- **Library** – Summer reading program underway and numbers are good. Story-time and lunch bunch doing some events at Island Park. Old shelving is available for City use to other Departments. Waiting for A\C compressor to be replaced.

- **Electric** – East hill underground project pulling wire. Utility installation at Gove Acres starting with Telecom. The jet turbine from 1978-79 will be replaced as it is having major maintenance issues.
- **Building\Zoning** – Revised floodplain ordinance going to P\Z Commission on July 7th and the public hearing for the updated FEMA maps is also that evening. Minor subdivision being worked on for the Kelly property in the Industrial Park on 6th Street. Bolton & Menk is finding some issues for the Development Code review.
- **Streets & Parks** – Will be spraying weeds along the streets. Still short a staff person (few applicants). Sprinklers at the Windom Rec Area are 15+ years old and need to be replaced. Soil has some sand and that is causing issues with these old sprinkler heads. Brian’s surgery re-scheduled to July 9th.
- **City Hall Office** – Audit nearing completion and expect for July 6th City Council meeting. Need any leases for equipment as this is an emphasis for the audits and part of GASB rules. Wellness program requires bio-metric screening, is there a need to add another date?
- **Recreation** – Summer programs underway. Staff doing some cleaning of the storage building at the Windom Rec Area.
- **Pool** – First session of swimming lessons went well. Plumbing issue with men’s restroom facilities so working to fix these. Chamber Youth group going to work with pool staff on fundraiser and awareness for new pool.

CITY COUNCIL – July 6, 2021

The upcoming City Council meeting will include these highlights:

1. Swear in New Police Officer – Jacob Samdal
2. Presentation of 2020 City Audit
3. Crosswalk Installation on John Caldwell Drive
4. Des Moines River Gage – Improvement Proposal
5. Cottonwood Co Tax Forfeited Property Resolution
6. Mayor Appointments – Hospital Board and EDA
7. Personnel – Outside Plant Tech (Telecom)
8. Contractor Payment – Mineral Service Plus – Well #11 Project

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