

CITY OF WINDOM NEWS & NOTES

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Department Head Meeting Highlights

- Federal Vaccine or Test Mandate – U.S. Supreme Court Issues a “Stay”
- 2021 Annual Report Narrative and Stats – Due Feb 1st
- Dept Head Evaluation – Sign Up Sheet
- Boards and Commissions – Appointments & Reappointments Reminder
- 2022 Fee Schedule Update Information
- Seasonal, Temporary and PT Employee Wage Schedule

Activities & Project Updates

- **Arena** – New registration software being implemented and training sessions scheduled. Go live date for software is targeting March.
- **Community Center** – Youth soccer and adult volleyball going well. Fulda Area Credit Union held their company party at the Community Center. A church has booked space for Sunday worship.
- **Telecom** – Staff working on migrations and replacement of old phone equipment. Transport Lan Service rates need to be updated (2017). Nuisance international phone calls from Chile and Sir Lanka becoming problematic at City Hall.
- **Liquor** – More beer prices going up due to increases from vendors on products. Have snowblower that is too large so will be trading\purchasing a new one. If any Dept wants the old one they can get it for City use.
- **Water\Wastewater** – WWTP operational adjustments being worked out. 41 service lines are on freeze alert and are in dripping mode to prevent problems.
- **Police** – Discussions with Chamber and Riverfest regarding parade route and activities. Keeping busy.
- **Economic Development Authority** – Workforce Housing Grant submitted. EDA will hear proposals from two developers for the Cemstone apartment building in February. Cemstone land purchase agreement details being finalized.
- **Library** – February is “I Love to Read” month.
- **Electric** – Fuel tank pre-construction meeting this week. Work on tank expected to start in March and be complete in April. Portable load bank coming to Windom and will simulate power outages and black starts so staff can work on procedures with generators.

- **Building\Zoning** – Building permits slow. Code review will start on next section being subdivisions. Working on rental inspections and will start first round of re-inspections.
- **Streets & Parks** – Snow plowing and sanding. Tree trimming as weather allows.
- **City Hall Office** – Wellness Committee looking for members. Medica mailings to employees have been insurance card, savings card and benefits folder. Further business is being sold to Health Equity which will not continue with some functions, so the VEBA and HSA accounts will change, more information as it becomes available.
- **Recreation** – Snow shoes at Dynamite Park are being used and no problems or thefts. Will start organizing for 2022 recreation programming in 4-6 weeks.
- **Pool** – N\A

CITY COUNCIL – February 1, 2022 at 4:30 pm (NOTE TIME CHANGE)

The upcoming City Council meeting will include these items:

1. Guardian Inn – Tax Abatement Extension Request
2. Personnel – Seasonal, Temporary and non-union part-time wages for 2022
3. Mayor Appointments to Boards & Commissions
4. Telecom Rates (To Be Determined)

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