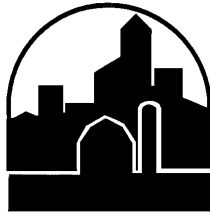


CITY OF WINDOM

NEWS & NOTES

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Department Head Meeting Highlights

- Emergency Services Participation Policy Review
- Supervisory\Management Staff Training – Spring 2022
- Community\Economic Development Services Contract – Jim Hartshorn

Activities & Project Updates

- **Arena** – Ice show is March 12-13. Private hockey rink rental through end of March.
- **Community Center** – Dad’s Belgian Waffle Fundraiser this weekend. Volleyball tournament (??). Concerts scheduled. Duck’s Unlimited Banquet April 9 and Lions Palm Sunday Pancakes on April 10.
- **Telecom** – Advertising for cable tech position as position yet unfilled. More capacity being purchased for SMBS to route to new customers. Meeting with Mt. Lake fiber group.
- **Liquor** – New ice supplier contracted for Windom and other SW Minnesota stores. Contacting Aramark for City pricing linen services. Sales picking up with better weather. Fair board discussing possibility for a tasting event as part of the Fair.
- **Water\Wastewater** – Two months into compliance rules for new plant. All going well and issues appear to be during very cold weather. Carbon use is still on the low side which saves costs. Working with DGR on sewer line improvements by the new Kwik Trip property.
- **Police** – Business picking up.
- **Economic Development Authority** – Cemstone purchase scheduled to close on or before mid-March. Have development agreements with Apollo Development for an apartment building and Voss Plumbing & Heating for the Cemstone subdivision. Awaiting a State workforce housing grant for the Hylife Apartment project. Contract person (Jim Hartshorn) coming in to bridge\transition from Drew to a new EDA hire. Contract person to start between March 10 - 14.
- **Library** – Working on a Storytime kit project with Plum Creek Library system. Seeing more patrons coming into the Library.
- **Electric** – Fuel tank project expected to start soon. Crew doing tree-trimming with Streets Department. Doing a training session for the crew.

- **Building\Zoning** – Planning Commission review of rezoning on Spec Building property to make it all one zone. Variance for Cemstone at the NWIP on a height issue. Cottonwood County purchasing land to annex into the City for a Highway Shop which needs zoning and annexation. Kwik Trip plan review moving ahead. Bogle house court date is March 23. Marc Fisher with MN DOT is retiring.
- **Streets & Parks** – Tree trimming. Working on water run-off issues and cleaning culverts. Two applicants for the maintenance position. Planning on completing truck bid documents this week.
- **City Hall Office** – Auditors here next week. Wellness event for employees scheduled for April 27.
- **Recreation** – ActiveNet software will be operational in 1-2 weeks. Alex Fink, new baseball coach, will be doing some work with Summer Baseball kids.
- **Pool** – Manager hiring this week at Parks & Recreation Commission meeting. Big pool pump will need to be replaced to meet State licensing requirement.

CITY COUNCIL – March 15, 2022 at 6:30 pm

The upcoming City Council meeting will include these items:

1. Public Hearings – TIF Spending Plan and Residential Tax Abatement 1965 Norway Ave.
2. Development Agreements with Voss Plumbing & Heating and Apollo Development
3. League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Renewal
4. Union Pacific Easement – Electric Transmission Line Project
5. Fuel Tank Replacement Project – Change Order – Electric Dept.
6. Resolution in Support of TH60 Corridor Implementation Plan
7. Petition for Annexation – Cottonwood Co. Proposed Highway Shop Property
8. Cemstone NWIP Lot – Variance for Height Limits
9. Rezoning a Portion of Spec Building Property
10. Accept Resignation – Drew Hage, Development Director
11. Contract for Community & Economic Development Services
12. Pet License & Boarding Rate Change Proposal (TBD)
13. Mayor Appointments to Boards & Commissions

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