

CITY OF WINDOM

NEWS & NOTES

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April 12, 2022

Department Head Meeting Highlights

- Reviewed City Facilities and Timeline for Council Tour (April or May)
- Supervisory\Management Staff Training – Reviewed Proposal
- Distributed Riverfest Information – Chamber of Commerce

Activities & Project Updates

- **Arena** – Doing clean-up from ice removal and prep for upcoming horse show season.
- **Community Center** – Duck's Unlimited Banquet April 9th (315 attendees) and Lions Palm Sunday Pancakes on April 10th (740 attendees). Wedding this weekend.
- **Telecom** – Still looking to fill cable tech position. Finding some damaged peds. Alarm system issues at NOC and doing repairs. MAVtv receiver down and new one being set up.
- **Liquor** – Pet adoption day successful. Cottonwood County Fair discussing possibility of a beer\wine tasting event. Two pallets of beer raffle for Ducks Unlimited was successful.
- **Water\Wastewater** – POET back on their own water after losing telemetry from their wells. Wastewater plant lost all communication with SCADA so Automatic Systems tech and wastewater staff worked most of Saturday to fix the issue. Pre-construction meeting with Kwik Trip anticipates a mid-late April start. Meeting with DNR this week to discuss Cottonwood Lake levels.
- **Police** – Bomb threat last week. All Emergency Services worked well together.
- **Economic Development Authority** – Southwest MN Housing Partnership presented to the EDA this week as they are looking for a project of 5+ units in Windom. Cemstone closing on or before May 13th and still awaiting the release of covenants paperwork from Toro. Slight modification to development agreement for Apollo Development on Cemstone site apartment building to limit legal fees. Spec Building lot still a go for multi-family housing, but State workforce grant may be withdrawn due to project scope changes.
- **Library** – National Library Week last week. Fine free month, but a lot of items remain un-returned. Book mark contest underway and theme is beyond the library (nature related). Board meeting this week.
- **Electric** – Fuel tank replacement project underway with new tank next week. Oddson Underground is boring in a new circuit under East Hwy 60 to upgrade lines.

- **Building\Zoning** – Planning Commission tonight for a variance on a garage at 1695 Langley and then conditional use and variance for the proposed County Public Works facility. Hylife submitted plans for their cooler expansion. Kwik Trip to start later this month. Bogle house judgement gives him until Oct 31, 2022 to demo or build, if not then the City can demo house.
- **Streets & Parks** – Crew working on street sweeping and pothole filling. Alley grading underway. Worked with Water Dept and fixed leak at Island Park baseball field.
- **City Hall Office** – Porsha last day is April 13th. Wellness program discussed and bio-screening will be required with an on-site option at City Hall for all employees.
- **Recreation** – Highschool baseball started. Reviewing seasonal help applications. Weather has not been cooperative yet.
- **Pool** – New doors are being installed. Awaiting delivery of pool pump and motor.

CITY COUNCIL – April 19, 2022 at 6:30 pm

The upcoming City Council meeting will include these items:

1. League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust – Annual Insurance Renewal Presentation
2. Proclamation – Drinking Water Week
3. Proclamation – Hospital Week
4. Hospital Budget Presentation
5. Planning Commission
 - a. Variance for 1695 Langley Ave
 - b. Conditional Use & Variance – County Public Works Facility
6. Orderly Annexation – County Public Works Facility
7. Annual Consumer Confidence Report
8. Workforce Housing Grant – EDA Recommendation
9. Call for Public Hearing – USDA Grant Funds
10. Personnel Recommendations & Hiring
 - a. Telecom Installer (TBD)
 - b. Street Dept – Maintenance Worker (TBD)
11. Mayor Appointments
 - a. Hospital Board Appointment (TBD)
 - b. Library Board Vacancy Announcement

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