

# CITY OF WINDOM NEWS & NOTES

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## Department Head Meeting Highlights

- Windom Area Chamber Presentation – Riverfest Activities
- City Facilities Tour – Dates\Times Discussed
- MMUA Evaluation – Safety Instructor
- City Employee Appreciation Event
- State of MN – Standard Measures or Cities\Counties
- Wellness Bio-screening will be June 28 & July 19 in City Hall, Council Chamber from 7 – 10 am.

## Activities & Project Updates

- **Arena** – Firefighter’s Dance on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Then footing prep for upcoming horse show season.
- **Community Center** – Kwik Trip doing job interviews. Two Quincinta events and a Wedding coming up. Windom Area Health did active shooter training at the Center.
- **Telecom** – Still looking to fill cable tech position as person backed out. Fiber cut last weekend repaired quickly.
- **Liquor** – New delivery door installed. Still doing cooler re-set and preparing for Summer season products.
- **Water\Wastewater** – Empire doing jetting on East hill. Hydrant flushing week of May 9<sup>th</sup>. Kwik Trip has water installed and working on sewer. Hylife is dredging pond #1.
- **Police** – Did distracted driving simulations for High School students. Went well. Normal busy.
- **Economic Development Authority** – Southwest MN Housing Partnership looking for a project site in Windom. Cemstone closing on or before May 13<sup>th</sup> and still awaiting the release of covenants paperwork from Toro. Public hearings on single-family home tax abatements. Shopko & EDA selling property for new retail store. Subway may have found a new site. Prospect on a new coffee shop. Pallet company doing an energy efficiency project. Contacting grocery store prospects. Restaurant prospect looked at Windom and staff will follow-up.
- **Library** – Dawn announced her retirement June 25<sup>th</sup> after 34 years at the Library. Student from Westbrook\Walnut Grove doing a 2-3 hour job shadow.
- **Electric** – Fuel tank replacement project underway with new tank on Thursday with piping and completion next week. Oddson Underground finished a new circuit under East Hwy 60 to upgrade lines, now awaiting cabinets to be delivered. MISO capacity auction pricing very expensive so cost of purchasing capacity will be about \$250,000 for Windom. Utility Commission to discuss new generation and how much to place on site.

- **Building\Zoning** – Special Planning Commission tonight to work on Code Review. Conditional use and variance for the proposed County Public Works facility approved along with the annexation. Minor subdivision and parking variance submitted for new retail store. New Vision Coop permit for street excavation to install a water connection for bulk water filling station off 16<sup>th</sup> Street.
- **Streets & Parks** – Parks guys working on restroom repairs and improvements. Pads poured for new benches from WAH. Pad poured for new playground equipment at Tegel’s Park. June and July will have some seal coating projects underway.
- **City Hall Office** – Windom High School career fair looking for participants on May 13<sup>th</sup>. WEX will be the new administrator for VEBA, HSA and flex benefits. Proposing summer hours for office to Personnel Committee.
- **Recreation** – Hiring underway for seasonal help.
- **Pool** – New doors completed. Still awaiting delivery of pool pump and motor. Hiring underway for seasonal help.

### **CITY COUNCIL – May 3, 2022 at 6:30 pm**

The upcoming City Council meeting will include these items:

1. Public Hearings for Gove Acres – Tax Abatement
2. Public Hearing for UDSA Grant – Fire Department
3. Personnel Items
  - a. Library Director – Retirement Letter & Re-filling Position recommendation(s)
  - b. EDA Services Agreement - Extension
  - c. Community Center – On-call Position
  - d. Seasonal Hiring
    - i. Pool & Recreation programs
4. Mayor Appointments
  - a. Hospital Board Appointments
  - b. Library Board
5. Old Business: City Facilities Tour Dates\Times

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