

CITY OF WINDOM

NEWS & NOTES

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Department Head Meeting Highlights

- Update on Status of Hylife Windom
- Department Updates
- City Council Agenda Review

Activities & Project Updates

- **Arena** – Ice is out. Staff working on clean up. Footing material will be brought in after Fireman’s dance.
- **Community Center** – Going to have a Spring pickleball season. Chamber wine tasting event is upcoming. Hoping to fill the two staff vacancies soon.
- **Telecom** – Rack and equipment installs underway. Some vendor equipment moving from Zayo hut (by high school) to Telecom NOC building. Working on network configuration. City security system computer had a hard drive issue so that will be replaced.
- **Liquor** – Phase II design meetings went well and project moving along. Warmer weather improves beer sales.
- **Water\Wastewater** – Bingham Lake had a force main hit by a contractor so working with the State on that report. Chlorine contact tank was cleaned and is in operation as of this month.
- **Police** – Devin Koppenrud is recommended for the new Sergeant position. Several chases this week.
- **Economic Development Authority** – Three commercial rehab applications expected, two home tax abatements and a façade improvement application are in process. A party is interested in a NWIP lot. Notice by Hylife of possible sale and\or workforce reductions.
- **Library** – Working on getting Summer Reading program set up.
- **Electric** – Truck shed out for bids. Maintenance being done on CAT generators. Unused poles on 6th Street are coming down. Doing a concept application for federal grant funds covering a number of local electric projects.
- **Building\Zoning** – Land use code should be out of Planning Commission. The Perkins Creek flood plain study data was conveyed to DNR. Workforce housing project is continuing construction.
- **Streets & Parks** – Crew did alley maintenance. Working on ball field prep. Christmas lights in Island Park are to be removed on Saturday. Looked at rolls on Des Moines Drive and will look again after frost is out.

- **City Hall Office** – Remote audit work done. Accounts Payable schedule this week is Thursday. Wellness Committee to meet soon. Summer hours of 7:30 am to 4 pm from May 1 to September 1 and FT office position were approved by the Council.
- **Recreation** – Ball game is scheduled tonight. Will have recreation\seasonal workers for next Council packet.

Met with school on ballfields and more discussion to be held.

- **Pool** – Will have hiring recommendations for lifeguards started next Council packet.
- **Ambulance** – Two EMTs finishing up and taking federal test soon. Unit 27 going to get maintenance work at tend of week. Unit 29 warranty work done and back in service.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – April 18, 2023

The upcoming City Council meeting will include these items:

1. Minutes and licenses
2. National Library Week Proclamation
3. Drinking Water Week Proclamation
4. Airport – Crosswind Runway Environmental Assessment Scoping Contract
5. Water - Annual Consumer Confidence Report
6. MN Deer Hunter Association – Letter of Support for State Grant
7. Personnel – Recommendation to Promote Devin Koppenrud to Sergeant

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