

CITY OF WINDOM

NEWS & NOTES

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Department Head Meeting Highlights

On February 26th the topics discussed included the following:

- Start Times for City Council Meetings – The City Council will set their new meeting time on March 5th with the new time effective for the March 19th City Council meeting. Staff anticipates the City Council meetings will remain on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, but start at 6:30 pm (which is one hour earlier).
- Charter Commission Recommendations – The Charter Commission concluded their review of the Charter and is making a few minor revisions and technical corrections. The revisions include changing the vacancy provision for a City Council seat to match State statute, eliminating a specific reference for the Mayor’s authority regarding command and control of the Police Department, eliminating the mandatory reading requirement for resolutions and removing the Street Superintendent and City Engineer from “appointed” positions. These revisions will go to the City Council in March, a public hearing will be held in April and become effective August 2019.

Activities & Project Updates

- Liquor Store – Business is steady.
- City Hall – Auditors are here doing field work this week.
- Library – Programming and hours impacted by weather events.
- Arena – Aaron Walkin is taking a job at the school district. His contracted services agreement will be terminated and picked up by Tim Hogan through August 2019.
- Electric Department – Crew working on cleaning, ordering inventory and mapping.
- Telecom – Telecom Commission has a goal of transitioning out of cable TV by the end of 2019. Crews will work to complete installations of gigacenters and may engage outside contractors to assist.
- Police – Officer Beck is leaving on March 2. The part-time officer will replace him.
- Building and Zoning – Working on some permits and reviewing code.
- EDA – Continuing to work on Cemstone project. Awaiting DEED redevelopment grant award announcement.
- Street Department – Crew plowing snow and working on equipment maintenance.

- Water\Wastewater – Work progressing slowly on WWTP due to weather. Working on water sales contract for Red Rock Rural Water.
- Community Center – New director will be starting on March 18.

CITY COUNCIL – March 5, 2019

The upcoming City Council meeting will include these highlights:

1. **2019 Insurance Presentation**
2. **Residential Tax Abatement – Setting a Public Hearing (Property on River Road)**
3. **Decertification of TIF District 1-8 (Downtown – FSA Building)**
4. **Establishing new City Council meeting time**
5. **Setting Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting – May 13, 2019**
6. **Arena Management – Terminate contracted services agreement and enter into a new one**
7. **Contractor Payments for WWTP and Electric Substation**

KUDOS

Last, but not least, I want to thank all of you for all your efforts on behalf of the City. To help recognize City staff that go above and beyond, I am asking that **if you have a co-worker you want to thank or recognize for their work please send me an email** and I will include their name in the News & Notes Kudos.

- On-going thanks to the whole **Street Department** for long hours plowing and removing snow.
- **Mayor Jones** thanks employees and the public for digging out fire hydrants.
- **Officer Jon Beck** for his service to the City of Windom.

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