

CITY OF WINDOM

NEWS & NOTES

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36th Edition

August 13, 2019

Department Head Meeting Highlights

On August 13th the topics discussed included the following:

- Employee Appreciation Recognition Event – August 22nd at the Windom Community Center. Festivities will start at 5:30 pm with a short program at 6 pm. **Please RSVP to Drew.Hage@windommn.com or Brian.Cooley@windommn.com.**
- LMCIT Visit – Last week the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust visited Windom to discuss facilities management. They are interested in seeing cities do inspections and have maintenance schedules for buildings and facilities.
- ALICE Training for City Departments – The Windom PD will be starting another round of active shooter training. A training will be held for City employees in the near future.
- Highway 60 Bridge Project – MN DOT has informed the City that they are looking at a bridge project in 2024 – 2025. MN DOT is requesting information from the City to help them with scoping this project and anticipating the impacts to the community. A kick-off meeting will be held on October 3rd.
- 2020 Health Insurance Rates – The City was notified by the SW\WC Coop that the rates for 2020 will be 13.5% higher for next year. Additional information on the impacts of this increase will be forthcoming.

Activities & Project Updates

- Liquor Store – A modification to some cooler shelving will be completed to add display space to the existing coolers. Football season will be starting soon and the store anticipates an uptick in Sunday sales as a result.
- City Hall – Budget meetings with Department Heads are set for August 26 – 28.
- Library – August 15th is Library Day at the Fair with a lot of activities. Contractors have started the window renovations in the Children's section. Antiques appraiser will be back in Windom on September 24th.
- Arena – Work for Cottonwood Fair prep are underway. A horse show is scheduled the week after the Fair so much work to do to re-stage for that event.
- Electric Department – Very minor damage from the tornado with no outages reported. Crew continuing work on burying lines and they are using new piece of equipment for a demo.
- Pool – Closing date set for August 18th. They are going to work on fall prep after the closing.
- Telecom – A ped by the east water tower was damaged and a police report filed.
- Police – K-9 demonstration at Night to Unite.

- Building and Zoning – Variance for parking requested for the new Avera clinic. Two court ordered property clean ups will be on the Council agenda for funding. Work wrapping up on a new Right of Way Permit and staff working on scheduling a demo of some GIS software.
- EDA – Discussing the possibility of getting two or three single family lots on 17th Street by the School's environmental center.
- Parks – Tornado damage to trees. Staff clearing down trees and/or damaged trees.
- Street Department – Another round of branch clean up. Helping to prep for Fair. Have benches to replace and staff will be starting street sweeping again next week.
- Water\Wastewater – Televising and lining of sewers resumed today. Anticipated closures on 6th Street (by McDonalds) to Miller lasting up to a week.
- Community Center – Weddings coming up again on back-to-back weekends. Outdoor space working well for weddings and is well received by the customers.

CITY COUNCIL – August 20, 2019

The upcoming City Council meeting will include these highlights:

1. **Coalition of Greater MN Cities – Presentation by Marty Seifert on Legislative Issues**
2. **Planning Commission – Variance Recommendation for new Avera Property**
3. **Funds for Nuisance Property Clean Up Request**
4. **Plans and Specifications for Bidding the Tennis Court Replacement Project**
5. **Telecom – Presentation on the Future of Video Services**
6. **2020 Street Project – Engineering Task Order**
7. **State Airport Grant Resolution**
8. **Public Art Approval – Windom Rec Area Eagle Statute**
9. **Hiring Recommendation – Utility Billing position**
10. **Old Business - Census Complete Count Committee**

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.

- Thank you to **John Nelson, Liquor Store Manager**, for helping out at the Community Center at the bar.
- Thanks to **Andy Spielman, Building Official**, for repairing the bench that was vandalized at City Hall.
- **Council member Rod Byam** for helping clean-up at the Community Center after an event.
- **Windom Police, Windom Fire and Windom Ambulance** for all your participation in the Night to Unite.

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