



City Administrator's Weekly Update

Week Ending January 29, 2016

Upcoming Events

February 1, 4:30 pm
Parks Commission
City Hall

February 2, 5:30 pm
Council Work Session
City Hall

February 2, 7:00 pm
City Council Meeting
City Hall

February 2, 7:00 pm
Public Hearing
Proposed Slate Street
Sidewalk Extension
City Hall

February 9, 7:00 pm
Public Hearing
Proposed Zoning
Ordinance Changes
City Hall

February 10, 8:00 am
EDA
City Hall

February 15
President's Day
City Offices Closed

February 16, 5:30 pm
Council Work Session
City Hall

February 16, 7:00 pm
City Council Meeting
City Hall

February 23, 4:15 pm
Library Board
Cloquet Library

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ADMINISTRATION

PERSONNEL

The Finance Department completed and delivered W-2 statements to employees this week. The recruitment and hiring process has started for the two 13 hour part-time positions at the library. Along with the part time positions, Lisbeth Boutang, Children's Librarian, has started the transition towards an April retirement. With her pending retirement, we have also started the process to fill this position. The Library Board has authorized hiring for all three vacancies.

Labor contract negotiations with the IAFF firefighters began this week.

LIBRARY

The Library Board will be meeting with Rep. Sundin on Tues, February 2nd at 4:30 p.m. to discuss proposed legislation on bonding money for Public Library construction grants.

PUBLIC WORKS/PARKS

City skating rinks have been busy with the mild weather this week. Warming houses are now open for skaters to use also. Hours are Monday-Friday 4:00-8:00 pm, Saturdays Noon-8:00 p.m., and Sundays Noon-6:00 p.m. Let's hope the warm weather forecasted for this weekend won't melt the ice!

MISCELLANEOUS

Crews have continued to stay busy in between plowing runs by helping with the various maintenance needs in our public buildings. They have been painting at the Police Department and Sr. Center, as well as working on other improvements at those locations.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MISCELLANEOUS

The City participated in the Job Skills Grant signing ceremony held over at Sappi this week. Sappi received a \$350,000 state grant to assist with certain training needs of the plant employees.

Staff submitted a grant application to the Deluxe Corp Small City Grant this week. It was a short grant with an opportunity to access an award of \$500,000 for downtown. They are only awarding one in Minnesota but we gave it a shot even with the long odds.

Staff has started reviewing the site plan submittal for the new Kwik Trip convenience store being proposed on Washington Avenue. This project will be presented to the Planning Commission in February.

Staff was busy with a variety of regional Economic Development meetings this week. Holly will be out of the office and attending an Economic Development certification class next week. This is the first in a series of four classes which are required to receive the certification through the National Development Council.



*"Obstacles can't stop you. Problems can't stop you.
Most important of all, other people can't stop you.
Only you can stop you."*

*-- Jeffrey Gitomer,
business trainer and writer*

OTHER INFORMATION ATTACHED

Attached the Council will find the following:

- * Citizen Letter regarding sidewalks
- * January 18, 2016 Mediacom Letter

MR. Mayor.

Any way you can get the city sidewalk snowblower to begin clearing off the sidewalks from 14th St. to 22nd St. on Selmsen Ave. People are walking in the street going to and from the library, and now that 22nd St and Selmsen Ave has become a pick up and drop-off point for school buses, kids are also in the street coming and going to 22nd St. from about 18th to 22nd. The blower does both Carlton & Daddridge Ave for the kids and walkers, but somehow the 6 blocks on Selmsen have been ignored.

Thank you for your consideration and concern in this matter.

Ken Young



Theresa Sunde
Government Relations Manager

Via Mail

January 18, 2016

Dear Community Official:

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Channel 105

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Sincerely,

Theresa Sunde

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