

City Administrator's Weekly Update

WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 9, 2016

Upcoming Events:

September 12, 4:30 pm Parks Commission City Hall

September 13, 11:00 am Citizens Advisory Board City Hall

September 13, 6:00 pm CAFD Board Scanlon City Hall

September 13, 7:00 pm Planning Commission City Hall

September 20, 5:30 pm Council Work Session City Hall

September 20, 7:00 pm City Council Meeting City Hall

September 27' 4:15 pm Library Board Library



Administration

Personnel

The Health Insurance Committee met again this week to discuss the addition of a lower cost, higher deductible plan to the City's offerings.

Staff has been providing feedback on the draft Personnel Policy manual. The Council will review the manual on September 20th. If anyone has questions about the manual, feel free to contact your department head or James.

Our condolences to City Councilor Roger Maki in the recent passing of his mother-in-law.

Elections

The Chamber of Commerce is in the process of scheduling a City Council candidate forum and will be notifying the public as soon as the date is set.

A Ward 5 and At-Large candidate forum has also been scheduled for October 27th from 7-8 pm at Community Memorial Hospital in the Oak Room. The sponsor invites all interested voters to attend.

2017 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan

Work has started on changes to the layout of the actual budget book that will hopefully be a bit more informative and transparent to the various goals & objectives of each of the departments and funds managed by the City. The final preliminary budget will be presented to the Council for its consideration of adoption on September 20th.

CAT-7

Mediacom has finally started working on the cable drops at different locations within the community. These live feed drops will allow CAT-7 to provide live feed shoots at locations where opportunity exists for some of the programming.

Public Works/Parks

3rd Street Reconstruction

Work on 3rd Street continues to move forward.

Lake Superior Waterline Repairs

The repairs made by the City and its various partners appear to be holding up.

Veteran's Park Improvements

The contractor moved in this week in full force and started moving dirt. This project has been receiving a great deal of attention due to its central location and high visibility. Much noticeable progress was made.

Slate Street Sidewalk Improvement

This contractor also moved in this week and started the sidewalk improvement. Most of the week was spent preparing the area for the sidewalk in the area of Churchill School and Sunnyside Park.

Community Development

Marketing Plan RFP's

The City received 9 responses to our request for proposals. The EDA has formed a sub-committee to review the proposals and will be meeting on Monday.

Dave Hallback, Mayor

City Council Members:

Jeff Rock, Ward 1
David Bjerkness, Ward 2
Roger Maki, Ward 3
Kerry Kolodge, Ward 4
Steve Langely, Ward 5
Lara Wilkinson, At Large

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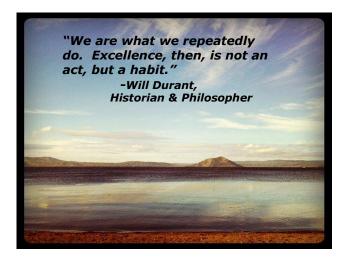
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Other

Staff met with SKB this week and it appears they are shelving the MSW landfill concept and is looking to the City for some considerations in regards to its industrial landfill business model. Staff will be conducting some research into the original landfill authorization and responding to the company.

The Cloquet Technical Evaluation Panel (TEP) met to review wetland impacts along the Reservation and Jarvi Roads.

Numerous residential building inspections have kept staff busy this week along with the plan review for a new tenant in the Lumberjack Mall. Several enforcement cases have also kept staff busy, some with positive success.



Have a great weekend!