

# WEEKLY MEMO

**Date:** October 5, 2012

**To:** Mayor Lynn Stauss, Council President Craig Buckalew, Vice President Wayne Gregoire, Council Members Marc Demers, Ron Vonasek, Henry Tweten, Greg Leigh, and Mike Pokrzywinski.

**From:** Scott Huizenga

**RE:** Weekly Update

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

*October 9, 2012 – 5:00 pm – Work Session – Training Room*

*October 11, 2012 – Candidate Forum – Good Samaritan Heritage Grove*

*October 15, 2012 – 10:30am-1:00pm – Flu Shot Clinic – City Hall*

*October 16, 2012 – 5:00 pm – Council Meeting – Council Chambers*

*October 23, 2012 – 5:00 pm – Work Session – Training Room*

## **WEEKLY UPDATE:**

### **Thank LGA**

On Monday, October 29, Mayor Chris Coleman of St. Paul, Mayor Stauss, and the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities will host a Community Leader Roundtable on Local Government Aid (LGA). The event will be a discussion of the past, present, and future of LGA. This is one of the latest outreach efforts of the Thank LGA program ([www.thanklga.org](http://www.thanklga.org)) to bring greater awareness to local services and how LGA influences the delivery of basic services.

### **Candidate forum**

Good Samaritan Heritage Grove and Grand Forks-East Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce will host a candidate forum on Thursday, October 11. All declared candidates for City Council, State House of Representatives, and State Senate are invited to the forum. Each candidate will be given approximately five minutes.

### **Pool forums**

Jeff King held several stakeholder meetings this week with the public and the City Council. Mr. King will take the results he has gleaned thus far and incorporate them into a draft report. The report will also include market analyses, operational and fiscal analyses, and potential alternatives. There will be another series of meetings in East Grand Forks in mid-November at which interested parties can discuss the findings of the first phase. After the November meetings, the City will receive the final feasibility study.

I will be out of the office next week. The following week will be a busy week with the start of budget work sessions, labor negotiations, and a bond rating call between officials with Moody's, Springsted, the Finance Director, and me.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

### **Library, Charlotte Helgeson**

The Library roof is nearly complete. As soon as the weather cooperates, the final shingles will be placed and the roof will be inspected. All-Weather Roofers have done an exceptional job of correcting problems as they find them, keeping the area clean, and working long hours to try to complete the job before the rain and snow arrive.

The Eagles Club has donated \$5000 to the Library to be used as needed. The Eagles Club supported the Library annually pre-flood and has stepped up again to assure the Library is able to serve the residents of our community.

### **Public Works, Jason Stordahl**

We have been conducting our fall clean up this week. We've had a little bit of wind blowing materials around the city, which has been somewhat of an inconvenience. But other than the wind things have been runny smoothly. Residents don't seem to be placing quite as much out this fall, compared to past falls.

Reminder: Hazardous Waste Drop Off is this Saturday, at the Public Works Building from 9am-3pm.

### **Parks and Recreation, Dave Aker**

- 1) The campground will shut off the water next Monday; they wrapped all the faucets and pipes up for this weekend. We have a full campground scheduled for this weekend and don't want to shut the water off.
- 2) The stumps and the trees that were hired out for removal are all done. The snow brought some other trees that have to be removed because of damage or have significant tree limbs done.
- 3) We had our best registration for hockey and figure skating last night, we made over \$42,000.
- 4) Arts and Craft show is this weekend at the Civic Center and VFW Arena, Saturday from 10:00 to 5:00 pm and Sunday from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm.

## **AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. The City Attorney and the Interim Fire Chief will discuss a Memorandum of Agreement between Northland College and the City to allow fire technician students at the college to work under the fire department for selected times and locations.
2. The Public Works Director will present quotations for a winter lease of motor grader for snow removal.
3. The Public Works Director will present quotations for additional crack sealing for city streets within the 2012 street maintenance budget.
4. The Public Works Director will present quotations for pump replacement at selected waste water lift stations.
5. Council Member Pokrzywinski will present the Library Board update.