

WEEKLY MEMO

Date: June 7, 2013

To: Mayor Lynn Stauss. Council President Craig Buckalew, Vice President Greg Leigh, Council Members Clarence Vetter, Ron Vonasek, Henry Tweten, Mark Olstad, and Chad Grassel

From: Karl Lindquist

RE: Weekly Update

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Work Session – June 11, 2013 – 5:00 PM – Training Room

Regular Council Meeting – June 18, 2013 – 5:00 PM – Council Chambers

Waste Water Public Forum – June 18, 2013 – 7:00 PM – Council Chambers

Work Session – June 25, 2013 – 5:00 PM – Training Room

WEEKLY UPDATE:

Waste Water Public Forum

Reminder that the Waste Water Public Forum will be on Tuesday, June 18th starting at 7:00pm.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Public Works Department, Jason Stordahl

Streets: Staff has been trying to fill pot holes between rain events. In order for the tar patch to work effectively it has to be placed on a dry surface.

Mowing: Our seasonal mowing crew along with full time employees have been trying to keep up with the mowing and weed control the best they can. Again the wet weather we have been having has hampered their progress significantly. We take advantage of our good weather days, and try to catch as best we can.

Wastewater: Wastewater staff is in the middle of spring discharge. After discharge of our secondary pond is complete we will be doing some repair and maintenance on the secondary pond control structure.

Reminder:

Our wastewater department has been noticing a very high influx of water to our sanitary sewer system during rain events. There are a few different reasons for this. One of the reasons is ground water is being pumped out from resident's basements into our City's sanitary sewer system.

So this is just a friendly reminder to residents that it is illegal for residents to have their sump pump hooked up to the City's sanitary sewer system. We ask that residents that have their sump pumps connected to the City's sanitary sewer please remove the connection immediately. Please review the Municipal Code that follows:

53.062 SURFACE RUNOFF OR GROUNDWATER CONNECTIONS PROHIBITED.

No person shall make connection of roof downspouts, sump pumps, foundation drains, areaway drains or other sources of surface runoff or groundwater to a building sewer or indirectly to the wastewater disposal system.

Penalty, see § 53.999

Fire Department, Chief Gary Larson

The Fire Dept acquired a house to burn out by Dakota Peat. The paper work is complete and the owner is allowing us to train in the house for 2 months before we burn it. This allows us a great training opportunity. We will be burning the house down in September. On Monday night drill we trained on ladders, entry into a second story room for a rescue, removing a victim and getting them down a ladder safely. During our training we responded to a kitchen fire at 220 Gateway Dr. The fire was out on arrival, but we used fans to remove the smoke from the building. We were also called out to a cardiac arrest during the training.

We accepted the FEMA grant after council approval. We have contacted Scott and MSA on info on SCBA's. They need to meet new standards which will be out in July or August, and at that time we will have a demo brought in to try out and compare.

We have been running steady on calls. We are at 410 emergency calls for the year.

We had a crew out to South Point Elementary for Fire Prevention class. Crew took the aerial tower out and showcased it to the kids. They even took a couple teachers up to demo how it operates.

Agenda Items:

- 1 & 2. The city engineers will be presenting plans and specifications for sidewalk and street improvement projects.
3. The City Engineers will review the bids received for the police building improvements.
4. The Public Works Director will present waste water sewer cleaning scheduled for 2013 that will follow the preventative maintenance plan set up in 2011.
5. The City Planner will inform the council about some issues and concerns about parking around the Minnesota Heights Apartment Building.
6. The City Planner will present the proposed transit contract with Northland Community and Technical College.

7. The Chief of Police will present a list of seized vehicles and ask the council to declare them as surplus property.
8. The Council President will ask for a change of Council representation on the City's Planning Commission.
9. The City Attorney will update the council on the library roof, the levee no trespassing ordinance, and the process the city would have to go through to rescind the park dedicated land.