

WEEKLY MEMO

Date: June 28, 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:

Regular Council Meeting – July 2, 2013 – 5:00 PM – Council Chambers

Work Session – July 9, 2013 – 5:00 PM – Training Room

Regular Council Meeting – July 16, 2013 – Council Chambers

Work Session – July 23, 2013 – 5:00 PM – Training Room

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Department, Chief Gary Larson

On June 20 one of our off duty firefighters spotted a woman in the river. We are not sure if she jumped off the Minnesota Ave Bridge or went in from the side. He tried to coach her to the side and she refused. He had called the Fire Dept when he first noticed her. The first arriving unit threw rope bags and could not reach her. The boat arrived with two and were able to pull her out as she was going under for the third time. The firefighters involved did a great job and the response time was great. There was less than 15 minutes from the time of the call until she was getting in the ambulance. It is a huge morale booster for our department to get a save like this.

We have been busy with calls. One day we ran 11 runs. We are at 467 runs for the year so far.

Parks & Recreation, Dave Aker

Park Department

The Parks Department is finishing up planting berm trees in the community and are starting on the playground at O'Leary Park. We finished up spraying this week for dandelions and have caught up with the mowing.

VFW & Blue Line Arenas

The VFW ice plant is shutting down on Friday after another season of Blue Line hockey camp and Northern Lights Figure Skating Club. We have bids out for a back door that has gotten very old. The Blue Line Arena is now down with the repairs to the doors, there are new doors in the entrance and by the zamboni room. Two other doors were repaired in the electrical room and the five doors were painted.

Red River State Recreational Campground

The campground has been doing great business, we have been almost full every weekend. We had to take up the fishing dock because of high waters and we had a couple big trees blow down.

Police Department, Chief Mike Hedlund

The EGFPD Patrol vehicle fleet has a bit of a new look these days as the department has acquired a 2013 Ford Police Interceptor SUV. This vehicle replaces a 2007 Ford Expedition and completes the Department's change over to the all black squad cars with the blue and gold striping. The Expedition will continue to be used periodically for special functions and as a severe weather vehicle but will no longer be used for regular patrol. The new Police Interceptor SUV is a vehicle that is rapidly gaining popularity with law enforcement agencies across the country.

Agenda Items:

Item 6 will consider the purchase of a new tractor for the Public Works Department. The purchase of this tractor is included in the 2013 budget.

Item 7 will consider allowing the City Planner to request bids for cleaning services so City Hall, the Police Department, and the Public Work building would all be under the same cleaning contract.

Item 8 will consider approving the Transit Title VI Plan. The council had already approved this plan for Cities Area Transit but the Federal Transit Agency is requiring the council to approve the plan just for the City of East Grand Forks.