

WEEKLY MEMO

Date: August 30, 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

RE: Weekly Update

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Regular Council Meeting – September 3, 2013 – 5:00 PM – Council Chambers

Special Meeting – September 10, 2013 – 5:00 PM – Training Room

Work Session – September 10, 2013 – 5:00 PM – Training Room

Regular Council Meeting – September 17, 2013 – 5:00 PM – Council Chambers

Work Session – September 24, 2013 – 5:00 PM – Training Room

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Department, Chief Larson

We have had multiple inspections at the Mn Height building leading up to the move in day. They were still completing things as people were moving in. The first day we had someone locked in the elevator. The elevator had made over 800 trips the first day. Later that day we had a child pull the fire alarm box, so it is good to see the activity on the corner of 4th and Demers.

Cody Wasylow has completed his 6 month probation. He has been doing a great job for the City. He does well on calls, has been very helpful on maintenance, and has been doing a lot of self study and training in his down time.

We have been putting time into preparing our burn house for the final burn. We have it scheduled for September 7. We will have a pre-burn meeting at 8:00 AM and will start setting room burns at 9:00. We will finish with the burn sets by 2:00 PM and prepare the house to burn down by 3:00 PM. I would like to extend an invitation to all to stop out at the house and see what is involved and the training we get out of a house burn. The house is located across from Pierce Peat facility, or across Hwy 2 from the Douglas House. Please call if you have questions.

I have been at Camp Ripley this week for Emergency Management Class. It was a great class and met many Emergency Managers from our area.

August 12 we had a house fire at 912 2nd Ave NE. The house had been move in and set on a wood foundation. We had to cut the foundation open, and some walls to extinguish the fire. Damage to the inside we kept to smoke damage. We were at American Crystal Sugar on 8-14 for a fire in a roll off containing Lime Pellets. This product reacts with water, so it took some time using small amounts of water to extinguish.

We have been out on a couple small grass fires that we have been able to extinguish before they have spread. We responded to a Suicide attempt and were able to bring the person back with help from the Police and Altru. The person had been without oxygen for to long and passed away 2 weeks later.

We are at 675 calls for the year.

Police Department, Chief Hedlund

EGFPD Conducts Active Shooter Training

EGFPD officers took part in “active shooter” training at Central Middle School this week. This training is designed to prepare officers to respond to a school shooting or a similar type of situation that requires rapid response by law enforcement. The training involved classroom discussion and practical exercises where the officers had to respond to various emergency situations. EGF Fire Department personnel also took part in the training and worked with the officers to practice making entry with officers to rescue injured subjects. The training was made more realistic by using EGF middle school and high school students as well as UND students who all served as victims in the incidents.

Agenda Items:

Item 4 is a consideration of approving the replat of Outlot B Block 2 Point of Woods 5th Addition.

Item 5 will consider a request for hiring a new police officer.

Item 6 will consider approving the change orders for 13CP3 Police Dept Building improvements.

Item 7 will consider approving the resolution to hire a new city administrator/clerk-treasurer.