

Biweekly Report
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REMINDER OF UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

With the month of January and February having holidays falling on Mondays we would normally have Council meetings, I thought it might be helpful to get out a schedule of when we have our meetings over the next couple of months. Below is the schedule you should plan for:

- **January 22-Council Meeting to make up for January 15th**
- **January 29th-No Council Meeting**
- **February 5: Regular Council Meeting**
- **February 19: No meeting because of President's Day**
- **February 26: Council Meeting to make up for February 19th**

COMMISSION INTERVIEWS TO BE HELD MONDAY NIGHT

This upcoming Monday night, January 22nd, from 5:30-7 (prior to the Council meeting) we will be holding interviews for our open and renewing Commission position. At this time, it looks like we will be able to get all our interviews completed on the 22nd by 6:40 pm, giving us a little bit of cushion before the start of the Council meeting. Our plan currently is to complete the interviews this Monday, and then to bring back to the Council an Action Request at the February 5th Council meeting to make final decisions on who to appoint/reappoint to the open positions. If you are unable to make it to these interviews, or have any questions, please let me know.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR POSITION FILLED

I am excited to share with everyone that we have now completed the process for filling the vacant Parks and Recreation Director position. After a thorough process was completed, I did offer the position to Marshall Grange who did accept the position and will be officially starting on Wednesday, February 7th. Marshall will be coming to us from the City of Eagan, where he has served as the Community Center Manager for the past several years. Prior to being with the City of Eagan, he was the Manager of the University of Minnesota's Student Fitness Center. In addition to his work experience, Marshall has also been active in the Minnesota Parks and Recreation Association, and received his certification for a Parks and Recreation Director from the National Parks and Recreation Association. I am very excited about Marshall starting as he is very excited about starting here. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

ANNUAL YEARS OF SERVICE BREAKFAST

On Wednesday, February 7th, the City of Chaska will be holding its annual "Years of Service" Breakfast for our full-time employees. This is an opportunity that we take each year to thank our employees for all their service to our community, and to recognize those who have 5, 10, 15, 20, etc.... years of service with the City of Chaska. We also utilize this breakfast as a time for the Mayor and myself to address the employees about the many things we have going on, and what to expect as we move into the next year. The breakfast goes from 7:30-9 am and

will be held at the Event Center in Firemen's Park. If you as Council Members can attend, just let me know and we'll get you signed up.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

As part of his roll as the City of Chaska's Emergency Management Director, Fire Chief Tim Wiebe has been working to put together some internal training for us as an organization on Emergency Management Topics, and eventually move into a "Tabletop" simulated exercise to be able to practice some of the things we would need to know if there were to be a major disaster in Chaska, such as a Tornado, Flooding, Ice Storm, etc...

To start off this process, we are going to be having a session on Tuesday, February 27th from 9-11 am at the Chaska Fire Station. The purpose of this session will be to hear from another community/organization on how they dealt with a major disaster in their community, what lessons they learned, what work well and didn't work well, and answer questions about how they planned for such an event.

On the 27th, we will be having my father, Robert Podhradsky, come to address the group. As you may know, my dad was the Administrator for Nicollet County for 24 years, retiring just a couple of years ago. With Nicollet County having St. Peter as its County Seat, he was directly involved in the Response and Recovery efforts in St. Peter after the tornado in March of 1998. He will be able to talk about not only the first several weeks after the tornado and lessons they learned, but will also be able to talk directly to the recovery efforts they had over the several years following the storm, and the roles and responsibilities everyone had within the organization as they were addressing this disaster.

If you can attend this event, I think this would be a good one not only for our Department Heads and some key staff within certain departments, but also the Council as well, as everyone would have a role to play during such an emergency.

If you have any questions about this, please feel free to let me know. Otherwise, I hope you can make it to this training event!

CITY SQUARE WEST TASK FORCE

As an update to this process, the City Square West Task Force will be having their first meeting to start discussing this project next Wednesday, January 24th from 7-9 pm in the Council Chambers. As you will remember, besides the several community members that were appointed to this Task Force, Mayor Windshitl and Councilmember Geisler were appointed to represent the Council during this planning process. As we get further in the process, we will be bringing information back for the Council to see and provide input into. We hope to have this process completed sometime during the summer of 2018.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask me.