

**AUGUST 2023**

Dear Mosinee Resident:

I am pleased to bring you this monthly update from the Mayor's Office and City Hall. I hope you and your family enjoyed Independence Day last month. I would again like to take this opportunity to thank the Mosinee Area Chamber of Commerce for a wonderful day of events.

By now, you may have noticed that the new Cobblestone Hotel is open in downtown Mosinee. This is a good opportunity for me to highlight new revenue sources that the hotel addition brings to our community. Our largest source of revenue at the City comes in the form of property taxes. Obviously, the new hotel will generate additional property taxes for the City. In addition, the new hotel will be a source of room tax revenue. As the name implies, room taxes are charged on each hotel stay. Currently, the City's room tax rate is 8%. State law dictates that approximately 70% of room taxes be used on tourism promotion and development within the City. The remaining 30% may be used on City general services. In an effort to keep as much of our tourism dedicated dollars in Mosinee, residents may recall that several years ago the Council authorized the creation of the Mosinee Tourism Commission. The Commission, in partnership with the Mosinee Area Chamber of Commerce, works to put our tourism dollars to use on promotion and events within the City that are likely to generate overnight stays in the community. Periodically, the Tourism Commission reviews applications for grant assistance. If you are involved with or know of an event that may be eligible for tourism assistance, I encourage you to contact City Hall for more information.

In other news, I was delighted to attend the press conference at Central Wisconsin Airport in July to welcome Avelo Airlines to Mosinee. Avelo is a new, low-cost carrier that will be offering flights bi-weekly throughout the year directly from CWA to Orlando, Florida. The carrier's addition to CWA is the result of much dedication and commitment by CWA staff and Marathon and Portage Counties. Obviously, we are proud to be the host community of CWA and would anticipate some spin off economic activity from the addition of this new airline option.

In other news, the Common Council approved an agreement with the State of Wisconsin to upgrade the downtown decorative lighting to LED lighting. The tone of the new lighting will remain similar to the current lighting while saving the City on electricity costs going forward, reducing energy consumption by approximately 70%. Further, as part of the agreement, 72% of the cost will be federally funded.

In closing, while this is a relatively quiet time at the City, I want to remind residents that 2024 budget planning is just around the corner. Once again, the City will begin workshops in October to review city revenues, expenses, and capital expenditures in an effort to formulate a 2024 budget for publication likely in November. As this time nears, I will keep you up to date on what the budget is looking like. As always, my goal is to address important needs while living within our means in an effort to keep property taxes under control.

I want to wish you and your family an enjoyable rest of the summer, and I look forward to updating you again next month.

Mayor Brent Jacobson

## **BRUSH PICKUP SERVICE**

The City of Mosinee provides brush pickup service for City residents.

The brush must be cut into lengths less than 6' long and piled neatly.

Any brush that has roots attached will not be picked up.

Brush will not be picked up for residents that are clearing a lot. Brush and tree limbs are picked up the third week of each month.

**To have your brush picked up, call 715-693-3840, before the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, leave your name, address, and location of the branches.**

## **AUTO-PAY YOUR WATER/SEWER BILL**

Mosinee Water and Sewer Utility customers have the option to have their water and sewer bills directly deducted from their checking or savings accounts on the due date of each billing.

The ACH – Payment Authorization form is available on our website under the forms section at [www.mosinee.wi.us](http://www.mosinee.wi.us) or at City Hall.

For more info contact City Hall – 715-693-2275

## **YARD WASTE DISPOSAL SITE**

The City of Mosinee Yard Waste site is open. The Yard Waste site is located @ 202 Fremont Street near Chuck's Boat Landing. **Please only use this site for dropping off:** Leaves, Grass Clippings, Hedge Trimmings, Garden Refuse, etc.

### **Please do not drop off: :**

Brush, Tree limbs, Christmas trees, Stumps, or any other garbage at this site.

## **SEE-CLICK-FIX**

Do you have a pot hole in your street that needs to be filled, or a street light out? You can now use our citizen reporting software to notify the City of non-emergency issues in your neighborhood. Citizens can use the software to report:

- Abandoned Vehicle
- Animal Complaint
- Building without a Permit
- Debris in Road
- Garbage cans full at Park
- Garbage and Recycling Issues
- Graffiti
- High Grass
- Hydrant Leaking
- Noise Complaint
- Parking (Illegally Parked Vehicles)
- Pothole
- Request for Speed Board Trailer
- Sidewalk repair
- Snow on Sidewalk
- Speeding
- Vehicle Issues
- Street Light Out
- Unregistered Vehicles
- Property Maintenance
- Un-kept Property
- Water main break and other requests!

Residents can use either a desktop computer or a mobile device. Visit the address below for more details:

<http://www.mosinee.wi.us/seeclickfix.html>