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CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT FEBRUARY 2020

Jeff Gates, City Administrator

At the January 13, 2020 meeting, the City's Common Council approved a Building Improvement Grant Application that was submitted by *D & J Rentals, LLC* whom owns the large manufacturing & warehouse building located in the 500 Block of Edison Street (between East Highway 153 & Brown Street). *D & J Rentals* will be removing the very outdated exterior steel siding from the building and installing new "Charcoal Gray" steel siding on all four sides of the 136,343 sf building. The building improvement grant will provide funding for 50% of the new siding project cost.



The Common Council approved the initiation of the Downtown Building Improvement Grant Program in September 2014 to inspire and assist property owners with the maintenance and rehabilitation of our community's commercial buildings that are located within Tax Increment District No. 3. This is the eleventh (11th) building improvement grant approved by the City since the program's inception which has successfully resulted in over \$300,000 of building facade improvements within the district!

The City is continuing to aggressively recruit either a national or regional hotel franchise to construct a new upper mid-scale brand hotel in our community. The City is currently engaged in very preliminary discussions with an interested Wisconsin-based national hotel chain and we hope to provide a further update pertaining to our new hotel recruitment endeavor in the near future.

I would also like to encourage all residents and businesses to play an active role in your community by discussing any matter you feel should be addressed by your local government, with the Mayor, a City Council member or myself. Don't forget to visit your local government web site and also our City of Mosinee Facebook Page, for additional information and updates.



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Attention Homeowners: You Are Required to Replace Lead and Galvanized Water Lines

The potential health risks associated with the ingestion or inhalation of lead are well documented. Lead exposure can come from paint, dust, soil, air, food and water. The USEPA is working to reduce the risk of lead exposure in all of these areas. To reduce the risk of lead exposure from drinking water the USEPA recommends the removal of all lead or galvanized water lines that serve homes, daycares and schools. In conjunction with this recommendation the City of Mosinee has enacted an ordinance requiring the removal of all lead water service lines in the City of Mosinee. In April 2019 the City Council approved Ordinance #2019-01. This ordinance requires that all customers served by the Mosinee Water Utility remove all privately owned **lead or galvanized** water lines and replace them with copper, HDPE or PEX tubing.

NOTE: Failure to comply with the ordinance to replace your lead or galvanized water service line may result in fines and/or disconnection of water service.

The City of Mosinee currently has a program in place for homeowners to apply for funding to assist in paying for the replacement costs of lead or galvanized water lines. This program will fund the actual replacement cost up to a maximum of \$2500 per service line. A majority of homeowners who have participated in the grant program have been able to replace their lead or galvanized line at no cost. This program will end in March 2021 and funding beyond this date is not guaranteed.

If you would like to arrange for replacement of your lead or galvanized water line through this program, or have any questions please contact the Public Works Dept. at 715-693-3840 or email to: publicworks@mosinee.wi.us.