



# City of Mosinee

JULY 2015

Dear Mosinee Resident:

As we approach the middle of our brief summer season, I wanted to provide you with an update regarding some of the events of the past month at City Hall and at the Mayor's Office.

First, I am honored to report that I have recently accepted an invitation to join the Board of Directors for the Marathon County Development Corporation (MCDEVCO) – an organization comprised of government and business leaders that is focused on enhancing economic development in Central Wisconsin. I am honored to accept the appointment and represent our great community on this organization's board of directors.

Second, one of the things I identified at the beginning of my term as an issue facing our city was the strength of certain sectors like our Public Works Department. This department serves one of the most important roles in our community by striving to keep it safe, clean and attractive. However, it operates on a limited budget, with limited staff, and with demanding equipment needs. Therefore, your entire City Council and I, along with the City Administrator, toured the Public Works Department's main facility and we were briefed on the status of numerous pieces of equipment, many of which were found to be in dire need of repair or replacement. Moving forward, we will be addressing financing options focused on targeting some of these critical equipment needs.

Third, the financial strength of our utilities was a focus of mine coming into office and will be an ongoing priority. This past month, I met with the city's accountants. In reviewing the city's finances I addressed the historical performance of the water utility and how our past financial management of it could be adjusted for a better future. As we move forward, I will continue to stress the need for financial management that is focused on a self-sustaining utility that is not dependent on, and detrimental to, other city funds. A financially sound utility is critical if we hope to avoid additional large rate increases and if we are to protect our bond ratings from further decline.

Next, I would like to comment on the state of some business development within the community. As an initial matter, while the city cannot entirely control the decisions of private businesses and private property owners, it can do its part to at least create opportunities and an attractive community for business wherever possible. On that note, this past month, I started by touring Square Park, which is situated in the heart of our downtown business district and found several items in need of attention, including overgrown vegetation and rusted equipment. With the Council's unanimous support, we passed a motion at our regular June meeting directing the Public Works Department to address these and other items facing the nearly twenty year old park. I have also taken the time to solicit quotes for a structural engineer to view a dilapidated looking building downtown that was once planned as a Heritage Center to determine if it should be torn down in light of its, at least apparent, structural instability, or put to some particular use. At our July meeting, I will also be asking the Council to entertain a revenue sharing plan between our tax incremental districts that would maximize the use of the city's tax increment revenue for development in our tax incremental districts.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Lamers Bus Lines to our community. After a healthy debate between residents and city officials, the City Council recently approved a conditional permit for Lamers to construct a facility on the edge of the city. This new facility will increase our tax base and put vacant land to use. We welcome Lamers to our community.

I hope that you find these monthly updates informative. I feel that it is very important continue to inform you of activities taking place within your city's government, however small. I continually welcome you to visit with me should you have any questions, comments or concerns. I wish you all a safe and enjoyable remainder of the summer season.

Sincerely,  
Mayor Brent Jacobson

## DISPOSAL OF SMALL PROPANE TANKS



Small LP tanks should not go in the garbage or recycling. The Marathon County Clean Sweep program does accept the tanks – However, you must call to make an appointment to drop off your tanks at their Ringle drop off site – 715-446-3101 ext 10. Residents may also drop off tanks at LPG Service and Gifts. LPG Service and Gifts located at 1130 Mosinee Ave is now accepting/collecting small LP disposal cylinders. The fee for each tank dropped off is \$0.25 + tax. If you have any questions you can contact LPG directly at: 715-693-4057.

## SPRINKLER CREDIT

If you water your lawn with city water you may be able to save some money!

When you sign up for the sprinkler credit, the City will compare your water and sewer usage during the summer and winter quarters. If your summer usage is higher due to watering your garden, flowers or lawn, you will pay the average amount of your sewer usage from your winter quarters and the full amount of any water used. For every 1,000 gallons of water used above your winter average, you save \$7.40 in sewer charges.

The Water and Sewer Utility can provide you with a savings worksheet if you are interested in this option. The sprinkler credit has a one-time setup charge of \$50.

For more information, please call or email City Hall – 715-693-2275 or email: [clerks@mosinee.wi.us](mailto:clerks@mosinee.wi.us)

## AUTO-PAY YOUR WATER/SEWER BILL

Customers of the Mosinee Water and Sewer Utility 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. We currently have over 325 customers using this option.

Customers will still receive a bill from the Utility, but it will be marked for Direct Payment. The ACH – Payment Authorization form is available on our website at [www.mosinee.wi.us](http://www.mosinee.wi.us) or at City Hall.

Completed forms can be dropped off or mailed to: City Hall – attn: Water and Sewer Utility – 225 Main Street, Mosinee, WI 54455.