



City of Mosinee

November 2015

Dear Mosinee Resident:

I hope you are enjoying the fall season and preparing for what I hope will be a mild winter. Fall is one of the busiest times of the year at City Hall and I am excited to update you this month with all that is happening.

Currently, we are in the middle of our annual budget process. The budget process consists of three budget workshops followed by a public hearing to approve the budget. Our first budget workshop involves hearing from all of our departments regarding their budget needs. At our second budget workshop we compare revenues and expenses to determine how much we need to cut or levy to make up any shortfall. Those decisions will largely be made at our third budget workshop so that a final budget can be presented for public comment on December 7th. Citizen participation is very important to our budget process. At our last workshop, I was very happy to see several residents in the audience who also engaged in discussion with the Council on numerous topics. As always, I welcome all residents to join us as we work towards finalizing the budget.

In other news outside of the budget, my wife and I were delighted to attend the annual food pantry banquet this past month. The Hope Food Pantry serves a large number of residents in Mosinee and surrounding communities with limited resources. I was encouraged to see support for this event from many of our local residents and businesses.

Earlier this month, I visited with our local 4th grade students to provide an overview of the local government process and the role that the Mayor plays in that process. I was joined by other members of our local government, including our Clerk/Treasurer, City Administrator, and Police Chief.

This past month, I met for the second time since taking office with the Mosinee Area Economic Development Committee. This committee is comprised of business leaders and residents from our community. I took the opportunity to update the committee on numerous items including the new revenue sharing mechanism with our business park tax incremental finance district that I have discussed in previous updates. I encouraged the committee to put forth ideas for one additional improvement project per year that can become part of the budget process.

I am hoping that soon you will see some decorative improvements on the Mosinee Bridge. At our October meeting, the Council approved the installation of banners on the bridge that highlight a mix of city and school colors. This small addition will hopefully add a bit of aesthetic appeal as one enters and exits our city via the bridge. The banners will be financed with tax increment from the special tax district that encompasses the bridge rather than with money from our general fund.

As we approach the holiday season, I have received interest regarding the possibility of providing some holiday decorations to the west end of the city. Our Public Works Department is looking to see what decorations we may have available and is working with public service to complete the necessary permit process. Hopefully this is something that can be accomplished this holiday season.

Finally, I recently joined members of the Council and city staff at the annual Wisconsin League of Municipalities conference in Milwaukee. At the conference, I had the opportunity to hear what other local leaders around the state are doing to improve their communities. I was also able to attend several educational sessions, including sessions on avenues available to local governments to finance improvements within their communities.

I hope that you enjoy the final weeks of our fall season. I look forward to updating you again next month. As always, should you have any comments, questions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mayor Brent Jacobson



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Winter Snowplowing Information

Snow season is here and along with snow comes slippery streets and icy sidewalks. The Public Works Department plows approximately 40 miles of streets, 10 miles of alleys, parking lots and sidewalks. It takes about 15 hours to clear the City of snow, although the time may vary due to the depth and type of snow. Due to the fact that the State of Wisconsin has significantly cut the amount of annual aid payments to the City and forced staff reductions, the City will again be snowplowing with one less driver. **Similar to last year, it will take us approximately 4 hours longer to clear the City streets and alleys of snow.**

In order to make the job of snowplowing and snow removal easier for the Public Works Department, residents should keep the following in mind: City ordinances prohibit blowing or shoveling snow onto or pushing snow across any City street. Parking is also prohibited if a snow emergency is declared.

All sidewalks must be cleared of snow and ice within 24 hours after the snow has stopped falling. Failure to do so may result in fines to the property owner. Property owners are responsible for keeping sidewalks safe and clear.

The City is divided into five areas for plowing purposes. Each area has streets that are designated as Priority 1. Priority 1 routes are the City's major collector and arterial streets and have been laid out in such a manner that most residences are no more than four city blocks from a Priority 1 street. These streets are plowed first and are kept passable at all times, if possible. The City does have a Snow and Ice Removal Policy which addresses snow plowing issues. A copy of this policy, along with a map of plowing routes, can be viewed at City Hall.

Every snowfall or snowstorm is different but in general we begin to plow, salt and sand when snow accumulations are about 1 inch on hills and busy intersections and 2 inches elsewhere. During heavy snows, plows concentrate on the Priority 1 streets during the day. A night plowing operation is then scheduled to clean all City streets. If you have any questions or concerns relating to snow plowing operations please call the Public Works Dept. at 715-693-3840.

STREET PARKING RESTRICTED

Parking is not allowed during the hours of 2:00a.m. and 6:00a.m. on any street or highway from November 1 to April 1 in the City of Mosinee. For more information please contact the Mosinee Police Department – 715-693-2000

SIDEWALKS – SNOW REMOVAL ORDINANCE

The owner, occupant or person in charge of each and every building or structure or unoccupied lot in the city fronting or abutting any street shall clean or cause to be cleaned the sidewalk in front of or adjoining each such home, building or unoccupied lot, as the case may be of snow or ice to the width of such sidewalk within 24 hours after the snow has ceased to fall and shall cause the sidewalk to be kept clear from ice and snow, provided that when the ice has formed on any sidewalk so that it cannot be immediately removed, the persons referred to in this section shall keep the sidewalk sprinkled with salt, sawdust or sand.