

November 2021

Dear Mosinee Resident:

I hope this monthly update finds you well. The past month has been one of the busier ones at City Hall because we are presently in the midst of the annual budget process. We started our 2022 budget discussion in early October with our first budget workshop.

During our first workshop, the City Council heard from department heads on some of their needs for next year and reviewed anticipated recurring expenses. During our second workshop we reviewed anticipated revenues and further considered potential capital projects and equipment purchases. On November 1st, the City Council approved a preliminary 2022 Budget for official publication in the Mosinee Times. Some of the main highlights from the preliminary budget follow. A public hearing on the 2022 Budget will be held on November 22nd at 6pm at City Hall.

If Marathon County's Budget as proposed by staff and committee passes, we anticipate an overall decrease of approximately \$8 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation in real property taxes on your tax bill. The City anticipates once again being the recipient of expenditure restraint aid from the State of Wisconsin. This aid is only afforded to those communities that keep general fund expenses down. I am happy to report that the City has received this aid in each budget since 2016, totaling over \$1/4 million after this budget. To round out main sources of revenue, general aid and transportation aid from the State of Wisconsin is anticipated to remain approximately constant.

In larger projects, the City is planning to replace outdated radios for our police officers. Safety in the field is of the highest importance, which makes updating these radios a must. The City also plans to apply for a state cost share grant to aid in the cost of repaving a section of Wisconsin Street. Finally, the City must address maintenance work to a section of the Recreation Center parking lot. The City is anticipating addressing several other local streets that we realize are overdue when it will have to do a larger borrowing in 2023 or 2024 for a state cost share project that will repave Main Street from the main intersection, past River Park to the edge of the City.

In other news, the City is anticipating that the Wisconsin DOT will be repaving Highway 153 from the Wisconsin River Bridge to the western edge of the City next summer. We are in negotiations with Wisconsin DOT in an effort to also repave Rangeline Road at no cost to the City by adjusting certain project staging to reduce the overall cost of the original project.

Finally, I am happy to report that the City is the proud recipient of three new entry signs. You will see these signs on Old Highway 51, by Piggly Wiggly on Highway 153, and entering the City at the corner of Rangeline Road and Main Street. These signs were generously donated to the City by Scott Creske. We are very thankful for these new signs.

I hope you have an enjoyable end to the fall season, and I look forward to updating you again next month.

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.