



SEPTEMBER 2019

Dear Mosinee Resident:

I hope this monthly update finds you well. As summer slowly winds down and we approach the fall season, the finances of the City start to take center stage once again. Fall is one of the busiest times at City Hall as staff and elected officials work to craft a budget for the coming year. Even in a small community like Mosinee a great deal of work goes into the budget.

The Common Council will meet several times through October and November to discuss the budget with hopes of passing a final budget in November. Our budget workshops will be held as follows: October 7 at 6:00pm; October 21 at 6:30pm; and November 4 at 6:00pm, with a public hearing on the budget November 25 at 6:00pm. Any member of the public is entitled to speak on the budget at the public hearing and I have a practice of allowing members of the public to also offer comment at workshops.

In my update next month, I will provide an update on the budget process and what we may be expecting as we move forward with the process. I encourage all residents to attend one or more workshops and the public hearing to learn more about the City and its finances. If you are unable to attend workshops, copies of budget materials are available on the City's website and at City Hall upon request. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or your Council representative.

As your representative on the Mosinee Fire District, I also participate in the budget process for our area's fire and EMS protection. Our budget process at the Fire District starts ahead of budgeting at the City so the City knows what it will need to take into account for its share of fire and EMS fees. The Mosinee Fire District is comprised of the City of Mosinee, the Town of Bergen, the Town of Knowlton and the Town of Mosinee. Each member's contribution to fire and EMS protection is based on factors such as population and equalized value.

In addition to looking forward to our 2020 finances, the Common Council also looked backward to its 2018 performance in reviewing the 2018 audit. The audit has a wealth of information regarding the City's financial position as of the end of last year. As described further in the audit, the "City's governmental activities rely primarily on property taxes (67.5%) and state aids (14.8%) to fund its operations. Combined, these account for 82.3% of all revenues or \$2,983,968."

"Revenues increased by \$281,240 in 2018 as compared to 2017. The increase is due to additional transportation aids, special assessments, and water tower rental revenues. Expenses decreased by \$417,668 in 2018 as compared to 2017. The decrease is mainly due to a drop in public works expenses in the current year due to project costs being capitalized in 2018 whereas they had not been capitalized in 2017." Over time, net position is a useful indicator of a government's financial position. As described further in the audit, for governmental activities, the net position increased by \$140,179, for a December 31, 2018 balance of \$3,399,046. For business-type activities, the audit provides that the "City's business-type activities rely primarily on charges for services (90%) of the total revenues. The net position decreased by \$43,980 for a December 31, 2018 balance of \$7,311,759." For those interested in looking further into the audit, complete copies are available on the City's website or in person at City Hall.

I look forward to updating you next month, and I do hope to see you at one or more of our budget workshops this fall.

Mayor Jacobson

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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 3rd 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 at www.mosinee.wi.us or at City Hall.

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

PETS IN CITY

We receive numerous complaints of dogs being walked throughout the City, in city parks and on our recreation trail that are not on leashes. We also receive complaints about owners not picking up after their dogs.

When walking your pet, please remember that your dog, **MUST BE ON A LEASH.**

Please also remember, Section 10-6 of our City Ordinances also states that owners or persons in charge of any dog or other animal shall not permit solid fecal matter of such animal to be deposited on any street, alley, sidewalk, city park, boat landing, ballfield (softball, baseball and soccer) or other public or private property, unless such matter is immediately removed therefrom by said owner or person in charge. The City has numerous Pet Pal Stations throughout the City which contain bags that pet owners can use to pick up after their dogs.

A reminder - ONLY TWO PETS ARE ALLOWED PER CITY ORDINANCES – TWO DOGS, TWO CATS, OR ONE DOG & ONE

If you have any questions regarding pets in the City of Mosinee – please contact City Hall at 715-693-2275