



SEPTEMBER 2020

Dear Mosinee Resident:

I hope this monthly update finds you well. Here at the City of Mosinee, as we move into fall, we are also moving into budget season once again. During this time, staff and I will be busy working on a proposed budget for the Common Council's consideration. Our goal is to pass a budget in November. As always, the Common Council will have multiple workshops this fall ending with a public hearing prior to passing the budget. Residents are encouraged to attend any and all workshops as well as the public hearing to express comments on budget items.

In simple terms, our budget is a combination of revenue and expenses. The City's main sources of revenue include property taxes, general state aid, and state transportation aid. Other, smaller sources of revenue include user fees, permit fees, court fees, and personal property aid. Larger expenses include operating costs, fire protection, garbage collection, insurance, wages, salaries and benefits.

After revenues are compared to general expenses, the Common Council will decide whether to address capital requests and infrastructure projects. For example, the Council will consider requests from department heads for new vehicles or equipment, such as police vehicles, snow plows, lawn mowers and other items that are in need of repair or replacement. The Council will also consider whether to address larger street projects beyond routine maintenance. Addressing items such as these often means making a decision as to whether to address property taxes.

In recent years, we have held property taxes down and we will make every effort to do that again this year. Each budget year, the City works against many challenges to keep taxes as low as possible. The cost of even small street projects has skyrocketed over the past two decades. Equipment replacement costs for larger items like a fire truck or snow plow are several hundred thousand dollars. Garbage collection costs are also expected to be on the rise and this fall the City will have to enter into a new contract for next year as our current 5 year contract will be expiring on 12/31/2020.

City budget options will depend in large part on state aids. General state aid is expected to remain constant, having changed little in recent years. We are hoping that general transportation aid will also hold constant from last year. We were very fortunate to see an increase of approximately \$40,000 in general transportation aid last year. Together with delaying larger infrastructure projects and capital requests, this increase allowed us to leave property taxes unchanged.

Our first budget workshop is October 6, 2020 at 6pm at City Hall.

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