

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action taken by the City Council at the regular meeting of September 28, 2015 included a public hearing and subsequent action on a request to modify the City Code to allow “food sales” as an allowable use in the C-3 zoning district; award the bid for roof work on the main electrical substation on South Front Street to WEB Construction; approval for execution of two agreements with School District #508 for development of the Magner Farm Subdivision; approval to modify the Hospital purchasing authority; and authorization for execution of a license for Don's Appliance and TV to use City owned right-of-way.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be Monday, October 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Governors' Room of the Community Center. For more information on City Council meetings, please contact the City Administrator's office at 507-934-0663. Copies of the Council packet are also available on the City's website at www.saintpetermn.gov/city.



MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE) – Wow! The nights are getting longer faster now. Because of that fact, I have noticed our street lights a lot more than I did in the summer months. It

made me think about the many lighting improvements we have made and are still making to street lighting around the community. We have changed out many sections of our street light system to LED lighting. While I can't remember the exact number, I can tell you we have made a significant effort in proliferating LED lighting and it will continue. Much of Highway 169, areas on

Broadway Avenue and a number of other areas are now LED and more will come.

It is amazing the difference it makes in energy use, but also in a couple of other areas like the lighting color. I have noticed that the color of the light (a more white with maybe a slight shade of blue), looks truer as compared to the more yellow lighting. Our plan is to change out lights as we have failures in segments of the system. So it won't all get done at one time, but rather as age and failure take their toll.

LED lighting saves us energy, but where it impacts us more is on the maintenance side of the equation. While right now they cost a little bit more to put in, the bulbs last up to four or five times longer than our traditional bulbs. That means fewer outages and fewer fixes and bulb replacements, which saves time and money. Energy and maintenance cost saving seems like a win/win.

If you notice a streetlight that is not working please give us a call at 934-0670 and we will get out to fix it. (Please be prepared to provide the actual address of the light that isn't working!) Depending on the reason for the failure, it can take a couple of weeks to get the light up and running.

And don't forget we still have rebates available for energy saving bulbs and fixtures for both homes and businesses. To find out more about that you can surf the web at www.SaveEnergyInSaintPeter.com. We have provided thousands of dollars in rebates for lighting over the past couple of years resulting in energy savings and money back in customer's pockets.

Did you notice the difference in the color of the light from our streetlights when we switch to LEDs? It makes me wonder.....

PUBLIC POWER WEEK – More than 2,000 electric utility systems will be celebrating Public Power Week this week (October 4-10, 2015). These utility

systems collectively provide electricity on a not-for-profit basis to more than 46 million Americans.

Public Power Week is a national, annual event sponsored in conjunction with the American Public Power Association (APPA). APPA is the service organization for community-owned and state-owned electric utilities.

There are three core functions of utilities: generation of electricity, transmission of electricity, and distribution to customers. Some utilities own and operate their own generation and bulk transmission; others do not. Those that do not own generation or transmission facilities will purchase these products and services. The City of Saint Peter has an agreement to generate and sell power with Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (SMMPA).

If you would like to learn more about public power and being more efficient, please check out the City's website at <http://www.saintpetermn.gov/saint-peter-utility-customer-rebates> for more information, including rebates being offered.



HYDRANT FLUSHING - The Public Works Department will be flushing hydrants beginning October 12th through approximately October 23rd. Flushing will take place between

8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. to minimize inconvenience to residents. Flushing could make water cloudy or

discolored for a short time, so please check your water clarity before doing laundry.

There are numerous benefits from hydrant flushing including:

- Improved water quality. Hydrants are flushed at least twice yearly to remove residue from the main pipe system which helps keep City water clear.
- Fire safety and fire rating – The Water crew tests the flow at hydrants to ensure it is adequate to pump to the City's fire tanker truck. Hydrant flow is also important in helping control fire insurance costs.
- Economic development – Accurate flow information is made available to prospective businesses and industries that may consider locating in Saint Peter.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact the Public Works Department at 934-0670.

STORY TIME – A special Story Time has been scheduled at the Library on Saturday, October 10th at 10:30 a.m. “The Truth about Cancer” by Kelly Strenge speaks to children about what cancer is, how it is treated, and the effect it can have on someone's life. Listen to Kelly read her book and then talk about it with the children. Following story time, children will make cards to give to cancer patients at the Andreas Cancer Center. (Half of all book sale profits go back to cancer charities such as Leukemia Lymphoma Society, St. Jude Children's Hospital and Mayo Clinic for cancer research.)

CITY MEETING CALENDAR - This calendar is subject to change. Should you have a question on a meeting date/time, please contact the City Administrator's Office at 934-0663 or visit the City's website at www.saintpetermn.gov.

Monday	October 12	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Monday	October 19	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Friday	October 23	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Saturday	October 24	10:00 a.m.	P.A.W.S. Walk
Monday	October 26	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	October 27	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	October 28	12:20 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Saturday	October 31		HALLOWEEN FUN RUN
Monday	November 2	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority



Monday	November 2	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday	November 3		ELECTION DAY
Thursday	November 5	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	November 9	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	November 10	5:30 p.m.	Library Board
Wednesday	November 11		LEGAL HOLIDAY – VETERAN’S DAY City Offices Closed
Monday	November 16	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Thursday	November 19	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	November 20	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	November 23	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	November 24	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	November 25	12:20 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday- Friday	November 26- November 27		LEGAL HOLIDAY - THANKSGIVING City Offices Closed