

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action taken by the City Council at their regular meeting on June 27, 2016 included annexation of a parcel of land located at the southwest corner of the Gardner Road/West Broadway Avenue intersection; final acceptance of the Gardner Road watermain project; acceptance of the 2015 audit of the City's finances; and approval of the design and authorization for construction of the first phase of a trail to be built on City owned land around Hallett's Pond.

The next City Council meeting is June 11, 2016 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 <http://www.saintpetermn.gov/city-council-minutes-agendas-packets>.



MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE) – Map Freaks... I know there a bunch of you out there. These are the folks that love maps and the stories they tell. I know

for some it is hard to believe but there are more map freaks than you might expect. So for you freaks and those not so freaky.....

Have you ever looked at the map shown here that is in the Saint Peter Comprehensive Plan? It shows lots of stuff, but let me focus on one of the big things I see. It shows, in the white urbanized area, about 2,800 acres of land that we live, work and has parks and other things on. It shows, between that urbanized area

and the second bluff (an area in yellow) the land that the City can grow into in the future. That area is about 2,300 acres. The image below is one that I have started spending some discussion time on as I do the rounds of Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis and others.

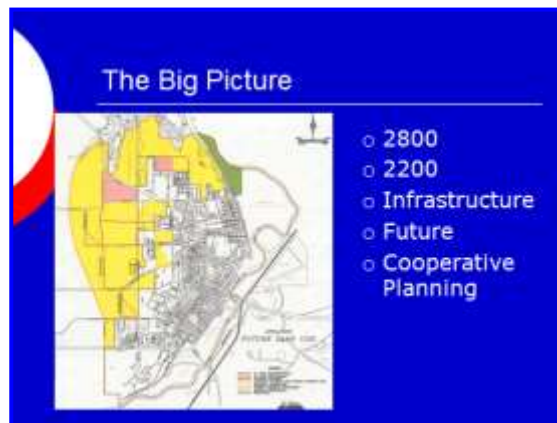
In rough numbers, we now have 11,500 people on 2,800 acres and we expect a similar population density in the yellow area that is yet to be developed.

So based on the math, you can project space for another 7,000 or so folks. That makes our population about 18,000 to 19,000 and then we are "full up", no room at the inn, no vacancy.

What is interesting to me is that as we look at transportation, electric, water and wastewater needs and the conservation that all of you have done when we built those things and as rates increased we see that most of our capacity needs will be met. We may need changes to meet the ever increasing standards for treatment and the like, but we have the right foundation in place. With conservation of water and sewerage and electricity we end up being in the ballpark relative to the largest of expenditures and the overall capacity that is needed.

Now that doesn't mean we will never have to make improvements to meet new standards or add additional treatment or build a bigger road, but it does mean we are on a pretty good planning track.

The next question might be how do we allow growth to happen that meets our goals while not wreaking havoc on the wonderful community we have going now? It makes me



wonder.....

SIDEWALK USE PERMITS - The City of Saint Peter issues permits to allow downtown businesses to utilize the sidewalk in front of their operations for the display of merchandise or to provide sidewalk tables and seating for their patrons. With the exception of bonafide Saint Peter Chamber of Commerce events, no merchandise or other materials may be stored or displayed upon the public sidewalk or otherwise in the public right-of-way in the absence of a Use of City Property Permit.

Businesses must complete an application for the use of the City property. The permit requires certain disclosures as to hours of operations, occupancy limits, materials displayed and the means and methods implemented to restrict the consumption of alcoholic beverages to the licensed area and to prevent the removal or consumption of alcohol outside of the permitted area.

Once submitted, a permit application is reviewed by the Chief of Police, Fire Chief, City Administrator and Community Development Director to determine the "suitability of the proposed application in light of the applicable fire, building and life-safety codes, zoning ordinance and adequacy of the proposal for the safety of person on the proposed premises, impact on surrounding land, adequacy of lighting, appropriateness of noise level, suitability of ingress and egress arrangements, and crowd control".

In addition to the application materials, the applicant must provide evidence that they maintain a sufficient level of liability insurance. A certificate of insurance must be provided to the City naming the City as an additional insured under that insurance for services provided under the license. Providing the certificate ensures existence of the insurance required, including a provision to hold the City harmless and defend and indemnify the City. The minimum amount of insurance is required to be \$1,500,000 per occurrence.

The permit fee is \$100 and if granted, the Use of City Property Permit is valid for a five year period.

At this time it has been determined that every Use of City Property Permit previously issued has expired. The Community Development Department will be contacting those businesses with expired permits to ensure future and on-going conformance to the policy. For questions about the permit process, please contact the Community Development Department at 934-0661.

BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK PROJECT – Join the Saint Peter community in making a donation to the Back to School Backpack Project! This project

collects school supplies for students that might otherwise go without and the program has been around for several years. In 2015 the project assisted over 500 students and those numbers keep climbing.

The Project places collection barrels at area businesses and the City of Saint Peter is proud to have one located in the front lobby of City Hall at 227 South Front



Street! Notebooks, rulers, back packs, pencils, pens, erasers, and more are all accepted in this community effort that will help our future generations be prepared and equipped to learn. Donations can be dropped off Monday-Friday during regular business hours...or feel free to leave your donation at the Police Department (207 South Front Street) if you can't make it down during business hours.

Won't you help in this worthwhile cause? Donations are currently being accepted so please make your donation today at City Hall and help us help future generations!

CAMPAIGN SIGN ETIQUETTE – State law allows temporary campaign signs to be up beginning June 24th – November 18th and some folks have already put their signs out. As a reminder, and one that will be repeated several more times before the November election becomes part of history, please follow these rules for campaign signs....

- Campaign signs, like other signs, are not allowed anywhere on public property. This includes City, County and State owned rights-of-way, structures in the City-owned Boulevard and City parks. The rules of thumb we follow to determine what is City owned boulevard (or right-of-way) are as follows:



- If a public sidewalk exists, signs may be placed behind the sidewalk; or
- If no sidewalk exists, it is safe to assume that a sign placed twenty feet (20') behind the curb line will be on private property.
- Signs can only be put on private property with permission of the private property owner. When asking private property

owners to place signs, candidates are encouraged to review the rules with the property owner. Oftentimes signs are initially placed correctly, only to have helpful home owners move the signs closer to the curb line in violation of the regulations or to move the sign when mowing and not return it to the legal location. (If you are one of those homeowners, please note that your attempts to promote your candidate may actually get that candidate in trouble!)

- Signs must not obstruct sightlines for drivers.
- Signs cannot be attached to City light poles, street signs, traffic control devices like stop signs, trees, shrubs, rocks, fences or other City owned structures like utility boxes.

With all that being said, if you are a candidate for election, please remember that there are additional State regulations you must follow to have a legal campaign sign including regulations that stipulate what signs can and can't say. More information on that should have been provided to candidates when they filed for office.

If you have campaign materials on your vehicle (bumper stickers) or person (buttons), please remember that these materials are not allowed in the parking lots or buildings of City polling places. The Nicollet County Government Center property is currently an absentee polling place for the August primary election and as such, no campaign materials are allowed anywhere on the property, including the parking lot until August 9th. That rule also applies on this year's election days (August 9th and November 8th) at the National Guard

Armory and the Saint Peter Community Center which are polling places for City voters.

Voters will need to remove any visible campaign materials from their person before entering the polling place and anyone with a bumper sticker or other materials visible on their vehicle will not be allowed to park in the parking lot of the polling place.

For more information on campaign signs or election regulations, please contact the City Administrator's Office at (934-0663).

HELP WANTED – The City of Saint Peter is currently accepting applications for the following position:

- **PART-TIME BUS DRIVERS** - The City of Saint Peter is currently accepting applications for the position of Part-time Bus Drivers (no benefits). **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** High school diploma or equivalent; possession of valid State of Minnesota Driver's license. **DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:** Experience working with the public; experience operating two-way radio/phones; training in vehicle mechanics; previous bus driving experience. Starting wage \$14.93 per hour. Applicants are required to complete a City application form which is available from the City Administrator's office at 227 South Front Street between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1-5 p.m. or by calling (507)934-0663. Completed applications must be received by the City Administrator's Office by 5:00 p.m. on July 28, 2016. Faxed, emailed, and/or late applications will not be accepted. AA/EEO

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.

Thursday	July 7	5:30 p.m.	Planning Commission
Monday	July 11	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	July 12	6:00 p.m.	Library Board Meeting
Monday	July 18	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	July 18	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Friday	July 22	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	July 25	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	July 26	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	July 27	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission

Wednesday	July 27	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority – Library Board Room
Monday	August 1	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	August 1	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Thursday	August 4	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	August 8	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	August 9		PRIMARY ELECTION DAY
Monday	August 15	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	August 22	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Wednesday	August 24	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	August 25	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	August 26	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitor's Bureau
Monday	August 29	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday	August 30	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission

