

# CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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**CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS** – Action taken by the City Council at the regular meeting of June 8, 2015 included approval for the sale of \$3,540,000 in Electric Revenue Refunding Bonds that will save the City almost \$224,000 in interest costs; rejection of a request for a letter of support for the Hallett's Landing Apartment/Solace Project; approval for a wage increase for City Councilmembers; and a closed session to discuss land purchase negotiations for future development purposes.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be Monday, June 22nd 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](http://www.saintpetermn.gov/city).

**MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE)** - *Another meeting???*... On March 30th the Council held a goal setting session. They have these meetings on a quarterly basis.



On occasion I get questions about what the Council does at these meetings and I thought it might be helpful to explain the different types of meetings they have and a bit about how it all fits together.

First of all please note that the Council's meetings are open to the public. The City Council has many types of meetings. The one you might watch on TV is the business meeting. This is where the Council makes decisions and does things. We also have workshops, which by their nature, are a bit more casual with more discussion taking place and

where oftentimes questions are posed so that research can be done before decisions are needed.

The third type of meeting we have is a goal session. This is a casual, but sometimes intense, meeting where the Council discusses many things oftentimes in a very broad, big picture sense. They also discuss goals and vision and the strategies that we should use in order to achieve these goals.

I really enjoy the goal sessions because they provide me with great opportunity to understand the direction the Council hopes to move our City in and many ideas about how to move us. Some issues need a bit of additional work to move from that brainstorming stage to the planning stage.

If we do our jobs well you will start to see some of these issues move through a process where they are evaluated more critically. They are sometimes changed due to money, people or other factors and they start to move to fruition. You will then start to see more discussion at a workshop and then moving to a Council business meeting. Some of the ideas will fall by the wayside as not every idea that comes up can be accomplished. They are not all good ideas and not all have the right timing, but it is this process of goal setting that helps us experiment and work out the ideas that will positively impact our community.

Will all of these ideas make it to stage where they impact people in our community? It makes me wonder....



**CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT** - Under the Consumer Confidence Rule the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires public water suppliers to send out information about the water quality which is made available to the public. Saint

Peter does this annually through the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). The CCR summarizes information regarding sources used (i.e., rivers, or aquifers) and of any detected contaminants, compliance and educational material. The 2014 CCR report the Saint Peter Water Utility is available to our customers on the City's website at <http://www.saintpetermn.gov/WaterConsumerConfidenceReport.pdf>. A paper copy will be sent to utility customers upon request by calling Public Works at (507) 934-0670.

**SPECIAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING** – The City's Planning and Zoning Commission will meet in a special session on June 18th beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Governors' Room of the Community Center. For more information on this special meeting, please contact the Community Development Department at 934-0661.

**PARKS BOARD MEETING CANCELLED** – The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting in June has been cancelled. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 20th at 7:00 p.m. For more information on Parks Board meetings, please contact the Public Works Department at 934-0670.



**OUTDOOR POOL OPEN** – The Roy T. Lindenberg Memorial outdoor swimming pool is open!

The wading pool is free of charge and is open from 1–6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays and 10:30 a.m.–8 p.m. Monday–Friday. (Please note that until June 12th, the wading pool hours are limited to 1:00-8:15 p.m.)

Family, Individual, and Daycare passes can be purchased at the Recreation Department in the Community Center or at the pool.

Individuals can register for Red Cross swim lessons at the Recreation Department or online at [www.saintpetermn.gov/recreation](http://www.saintpetermn.gov/recreation).

For pool hours and other information including swim lesson cancellations and pool closings, please call the pool at 934-3951, or the Recreation Hotline at 934-0070.

You can also sign up for Remind101 which sends text messages regarding swim lessons, lap swim, aerobics, open or family swim. Send a text to 81010 or 651-691-4264 for each of the groups you would like to join: evening lessons at @evelessons, morning lessons at @amlessons, open or family swim at @afteveswim, and/or aerobics/lap swim at @aerobiclap.

Pool rates, hours, and policy information are available from the Recreation and Leisure Services Department, on the City of Saint Peter website at [www.saintpetermn.gov/recreation](http://www.saintpetermn.gov/recreation); by calling the pool at 934-0667; or by email ([jenh@saintpetermn.gov](mailto:jenh@saintpetermn.gov)) at the Recreation and Leisure Services Department.

**TRAFFIC STATISTICS** - As many know, the Saint Peter Police Department has joined with other area and State-wide law enforcement agencies to promote the Towards Zero Death program. This program works hard to reduce traffic fatalities by educating the public and providing for increased enforcement action.

The following traffic statistics are from 2010-2014 in Nicollet County:

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
DWI's	110	115	167	170	171

In 2014 alone there were a total of 405 vehicle crashes in Nicollet County resulting in six deaths. Here's more information on those involved in fatal or severe injury crashes during the years 2010-2014:

# of vehicle occupant fatalities	16
# of vehicle occupant severe injuries	23
Estimated economic impact of death/injuries	\$24,413,700
Unbelted vehicle occupant fatalities	6
Unbelted vehicle occupant with severe injuries	6
Estimated economic impact of unbelted death/injuries	\$9,054,200

Based on this information, it appears alcohol, speed and unbelted related crashes are decreasing. However, the ultimate goal of the TZD program is to change driver behavior and reduce fatalities and serious injuries in crashes on our roadways. So there is still work to be done.



**LOOKING TO DONATE ITEMS TO THE LIBRARY?** – The City loves receiving generous donations, but the Library

staff has limited time to review donated goods and limited room to store them. With that in mind, the following donation policy is in place for donations to the Library:

- Please call ahead if bringing more than one dozen items.
- Please pre-sort donated items before bringing them to the library.
- Donations will only be accepted the first week of each month due to the overwhelming amounts of donations currently being provided.
- We appreciate items that are:
  - In “Good” or “Like New” condition
  - Not older than 2 years old.
  - Fiction, Non-Fiction, and children’s hardcover and paperbacks.
  - CDs, DVDs and audiobooks
- We do not accept:
  - Text books
  - VHS or cassette tapes
  - Items that are very weathered, dusty, or moldy
  - National Geographic Magazine collections or similar large collections. We DO accept current magazines for our magazine exchange.
- The Lead Librarian will have the right to make the decision on how to manage the items that come in. If the material can’t be used on the Library shelves, it may be offered as part of the book sale.
- If donated items don’t meet these conditions, please consider making a donation area to thrift stores, assisted living facilities, correctional facilities or the Regional Treatment Center.

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

- **BILLING CLERK** - in the Finance Department. **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** High school diploma or equivalent; Clerical experience; Demonstrated computer use experience; and experience working with the public. **DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:**

Demonstrated knowledge and experience using Microsoft Word software; Demonstrated knowledge and experience using Excel software; Minimum of one year demonstrated accounting or bookkeeping experience; Associate’s degree in accounting; Bachelor’s degree with a major in accounting; Demonstrated knowledge and experience using utility billing software; Demonstrated experience using accounts receivable billing software; Two or more years’ experience working with utility billing; Two or more years’ experience working with accounts receivable. \$18.97 per hour. Applicants are required to complete a City application form available in 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. June 11, 2015. Faxed, emailed, and/or late applications will not be accepted. AA/EEO

- **PART-TIME LIBRARY CIRCULATION CLERK** – in the Recreation and Leisure Services Department. **Minimum qualifications:** Experience working with public in customer service setting. **Desired qualifications:** Experience in provision of library services; ability to operate a PC and use internet and related programs including on-line cataloging system. Up to 19 hours per week (M-F days/evenings plus some Saturdays). Wage \$9.25/hour. Applicants are required to complete City application form available in the City Administrator’s office at 227 South Front Street between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1-5:00 p.m. or by calling (507)934-0663. Completed applications must be received by the City Administrator’s office by 5:00 pm July 2, 2015. Faxed, late, and/or emailed 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](http://www.saintpetermn.gov).

Monday	June 15	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	June 15	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Monday	June 22	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Wednesday	June 24	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission

Wednesday	June 24	5:30 p.m.	Library Board
Thursday	June 25	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	June 26	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	June 29	3:00 p.m.	City Council Goal Session
Tuesday	June 30	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Friday	July 3		CITY OFFICES CLOSED – FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY
Monday	July 6	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	July 6	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop Session
Monday	July 13	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	July 14	5:30 p.m.	Library Board Meeting
Thursday	July 16	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	July 20	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Thursday	July 23	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	July 24	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	July 27	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	July 28	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	July 29	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission