

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action taken by the City Council at the regular meeting of November 12, 2013 included public hearings and subsequent action to assess unpaid utility charges, miscellaneous charges, and private infrastructure project charges; affirmation of the purchase of and designation of the funding sources for purchase of 75.06 acres of land to be used for future park purposes; approval for the purchase of right-of-way for the Washington Avenue Link Improvement Project; approval of modifications to the revolving loan fund program; authorization to execute a letter of intent with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for joint bidding of Highway improvement projects in 2014; adoption of a resolution accepting the 2013 general election results; and a closed session to discuss land sale negotiations and the City Administrator's evaluation.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be Monday, November 25th 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 934-0663. A copy of the Council packet is also available on the City's website at <http://www.saintpetermn.gov/city-council-minutes-agendas-packets>.

allows for advanced telemedicine in pediatric and adult areas including stroke assessment and psychiatrics. The robot enhances services with lower costs. Sheldon can see and hear patients and can even hear a patient's heart as he connects a patient to a specialist. The patient can also see the care provider much like the use of Facetime or Skype.

The Hospital Commission saw a presentation showing the positive impact Sheldon can have on patient outcomes. Although we hope you don't need him, we are happy to know that Sheldon and his great care providers at River's Edge Hospital are ready to help 24 hours a day, every day.

I've attached a link for you to see a video clip of the original Sheldon and his Shelbot. While health care and the needs of patients is serious business, I think this gives you a pretty good idea of what our Shelbot looks like.



<http://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=youtube+shelbot+clip&FORM=VIRE4#view=detail&mid=16F5B21707C848D0900E16F5B21707C848D0900E>.

With Shelbot we can continue to provide the care that our friends and neighbors need in an ever ready and advanced way. While robots of this type are great, we are also fortunate to have great care professionals always there to help us and make this technology possible.

Specialized care from a robot operated by a specialized care professional? That's something I am not wondering about. River's Edge Hospital and Clinic is a great place to get your health care!



MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE) – *Shelbot Anyone?...* One of our new "employees" at River's Edge Hospital and Clinic is named Sheldon. Sheldon is the

namesake of a fictional character from a popular TV show called "The Big Bang Theory".

Sheldon comes to us through a partnership with Allina Health System and this robotic equipment

HOSPITAL COMMISSION MEETING CHANGE – The next regular meeting of the Hospital Commission is being rescheduled to Tuesday, November 26th at 12:00 noon to eliminate scheduling conflicts related to the Thanksgiving holiday. Agendas for Hospital Commission meetings are posted at City Hall (on the legal notices bulletin board) and on the River's Edge Hospital and Clinic website at <http://riversedgehealth.org/about-us/hospitalcommission/>

HOLIDAY HOURS – All non-emergency City offices including the Library will be closed on Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Community Center will be closed on Thanksgiving Day but will be open on Friday at 6 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Hours on Saturday, November 30th will be 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, December 1st the building opens at 12:00 noon and closes at 8:00 p.m.

SPECIAL LIBRARY PROGRAM - "The American Civil War & The Life Of A Soldier" will be presented at the Library on Thursday, November 14th at 6:00 pm. Arn Kind, a member of the First Minnesota Volunteer Infantry Regiment which is a reenactment group based out of Fort Snelling, will provide the presentation.

This group is noted for its authenticity and they have appeared in many documentaries and historical feature-films such as "The Blue and the Gray", "North & South", "Glory", "Gettysburg", "Dances with Wolves", and "Gods and Generals". Artifacts, uniforms, and equipment play an important role in the presentation.

This program is made possible by a grant from the Traverse des Sioux Library Cooperative. This is a free public performance for all ages.



DISCOVER

PICKLEBALL - This fast growing sport gets its' name from a cocker spaniel named Pickles,

who belonged to one of the co-founders.

Apparently Pickles became interested in this new game. Whenever a ball would come the dog's way, he would take the ball and run off with it, because of course, it was Pickle's ball. And that is how the game got its name.

Pickleball is played on a badminton court with the net lowered to 34 inches at the center. It is played with a perforated plastic baseball (similar to a whiffle ball) and wood or composite paddles.

The Recreation Department is offering free opportunities to try Pickleball on several upcoming Wednesdays, November 13th and 20th and December 4th and 11th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Community Center gym. Recreation staff will be available to help you get started and explain the rules. Come individually or with friends. See you on the court!

2013 LED HOLIDAY LIGHTING REBATE PROGRAM - With winter just around the corner, some folks are already thinking about holiday decorations.

This holiday season, the City is once again offering electric customers rebates of up to \$12 to electric utility customers for each string or decoration of energy-efficient LED holiday lighting purchased through the end of the year. We are promoting LED lighting because it uses up to 90% less electricity than regular holiday lighting and lasts up to 10 times longer which means a typical household can save up to \$50 during the holiday season.

While the financial savings are a big draw for consumers, LED holiday lights offer other benefits as well. The environmental benefits help make our community a little greener and LEDs are cool to the touch which reduces the risk of fire and personal injury.

Rebate coupons and additional information on this program are available at the Finance Department at City Hall (227 South Front Street) or online at www.SaveEnergyInSaintPeter.com.

HOLIDAY LIGHT RECYCLING COLLECTION

– The City is once again offering recycling of old holiday light strings. Residents can drop off their unwanted lights for free at City Hall, the Public Works building or the Community Center beginning November 15th through January 15th. The light strings will be recycled.



CITY BOND RATING IMPROVEMENT – The City's bond rating has been upgraded by rating agency Standard & Poor's. The rating was obtained as part of the preparation work for the issuance of a Municipal State Aid bond and staff is pleased to report the rating was upgraded to an "AA-(SPUR)/Stable" rating.

According to the Standard and Poor's report, the rating is a reflection of their assessment of the St. Peter area having an adequate economy which benefits from the Mankato-North Mankato metropolitan statistical area and the stabilizing institutions of Gustavus and the Regional Treatment Center; a very strong budgetary

flexibility with general fund reserves projected to remain higher than 30% of expenditures; strong budgetary performance, including projections of close-to-break-even operations in fiscal years 2013 and 2014; very strong liquidity providing very strong cash levels to cover both debt service and expenditures; strong management with good financial management practices; and very weak debt and contingent liability position, mostly as a result of the City's high net direct debt.

This is good news for the most recent bond sale as the net interest rate on the bonds was substantially below projections, in part due to the upgraded bond rating for the City.

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



- **PART-TIME UTILITY METER READER** - The City of Saint Peter is accepting applications for the position of UTILITY METER READER in the Finance Department. Minimum qualifications: high school diploma or equivalent; experience working with the public; and valid Class D driver's license. Desired qualifications: record keeping experience and previous meter reading experience. Position works over the first two weeks of each month. Meter Readers must work in all weather conditions. \$12.41 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 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. or by calling (507)934-0663. Completed applications must be returned no later than **5:00 pm, November 15, 2013.** Faxed, emailed and/or late applications will not be accepted. AA/EEO

- **VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER** - The City of Saint Peter is currently accepting applications for the position of VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER in the Fire Department. Minimum qualifications: High school diploma/GED; at least 18 years of age; reside within a six (6) minute response time from the Fire Station; possess a valid driver's license; and ability to read and write the English language. Successful candidates must also pass pre-employment physical, drug and alcohol tests. Successful



candidates will begin service January 1, 2014 and will be required to successfully complete required Firefighter schooling within one year. Applicants are required to complete a City application form which is available in the City Administrator's office at 227 South Front Street or by calling (507)934-0663. Complete position descriptions for Firefighters are also available in the City Administrator's office. Completed applications must be received by the City Administrator's office **by 5:00 p.m. on November 15, 2013.** Faxed, emailed and/or late applications will not be accepted. AA/EEO

- **FIRE CHIEF** - The City of Saint Peter is now accepting applications for the position of FIRE CHIEF in the Fire Department. Minimum qualifications: any combination of education and experience equivalent to a high school degree and additional training received through regional and state fire schools and five years of experience with fire prevention and protection; current training from regional and state fire schools is preferred; and possession of a valid State of Minnesota Class B driver's license within six months of appointment. Desired qualifications: knowledge of modern firefighting methods and techniques; knowledge of the operations of a municipal fire department; ability to supervise volunteer firefighters; knowledge of budgetary principles; knowledge of OSHA regulations and safety precautions of firefighting; and aptitude for Fire Chief work. Applicants are required to complete City application form available in the City Administrator's office at 227 South Front Street or by calling (507)934-0663. Completed applications must be received by the City Administrator's office by **5:00 p.m. on November 15, 2013.** Faxed and/or late applications will not be accepted. More information on this position is available on the City's website at <http://www.saintpetermn.gov/employment>. AA/EEO

- **FIRE DEPARTMENT SAFETY OFFICER** – The City of Saint Peter is now accepting applications for the position of Fire Department Safety Officer. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS include: High School diploma or equivalent; Possession of valid Minnesota Class D driver's license or equivalent; Possession of Minnesota Firefighter 1001 certification or equivalent; Experience working with the public; Successful completion of training through specialized fire service related schools including four National Fire Academy (NFA) accredited or Minnesota

State College and University (MNSCU) Officer Leadership equivalent courses and Incident Safety officer or equivalent courses; Current St. Peter Fire Department member in good standing with seven (7) years of firefighting experience. Applicants must complete City application form available from City Administrator's office at 227 South Front Street or by calling (507)934-0663. Completed applications must be received by the City Administrator's office by **5:00 p.m. on November 15, 2013.** Faxed and/or late applications will not be accepted. More information on this position is available on the City's website at <http://www.saintpetermn.gov/employment>. AA/EEO

- **PART-TIME BUILDING SUPERVISOR** – in the Recreation and Leisure Services Department.

The Building Supervisor supervises the Community Center and performs light custodial duties. Minimum qualifications: High School diploma or equivalent; formal CPR and First Aid training or ability to be certified within six months of employment; experience working with the public. Desired qualifications: Experience in building maintenance functions; formal CPR and First Aid certification. This position requires night and weekend work. Beginning wage \$8.25/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 a.m. - 12 noon and 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. or by calling (507)934-0663. Completed applications must be returned no later than **5 pm, November 27, 2013.** Faxed, emailed and/or late applications will not be accepted. AA/EOE

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	November 18	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	November 18	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Friday	November 22	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau Meeting
Monday	November 25	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	November 26	12:00 noon	Hospital Commission (rescheduled from Nov. 27 th)
Tuesday	November 26	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Thursday-Friday	November 28- November 29		THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY – City offices closed
Monday	December 2	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	December 2	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday	December 3	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	December 9	5:00 p.m.	Human Rights Commission
Monday	December 9	6:00 p.m.	Council Reception
Monday	December 9	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	December 10	6:00 p.m.	Library Board
Monday	December 16	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Tuesday	December 24		CITY OFFICES CLOSE AT NOON

Wednesday- December 25

CHRISTMAS DAY – City offices closed

Wednesday January 1

NEW YEAR'S DAY – City offices closed

***For meetings which are scheduled to occur between December 23, 2013 and the end of the year, please contact the City Administrator's office for meeting dates/times. As boards meet in November, they are expected to provide alternate dates for the meetings which conflict with holiday schedules.*