**CITY COUNCIL MEETING** – The City Council meeting of November 8, 2021 included a public hearing and subsequent action to assess unpaid utility charges; a public hearing and subsequent action to assess unpaid miscellaneous charges; canvassing of the 2021 election results; authorization for execution of a lease for Community Center room #110 by Kid’s Corner; adoption of a resolution of support for an application to the Department of Employment and Economic Development Small Cities Development Program to fund repairs at Parkview Manor; approval of a soft drink license for Smolders Cigar Emporium; and a closed session to discuss union contract negotiations with the Utilities, Streets, and Police Officer unions.

The next regular City Council meeting will be Monday, November 22, 2021 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Governors’ Room of the Community Center. Copies of the agenda will be available from the City’s website the Friday before the meeting.

**CITY COUNCIL ADVISORY BOARDS** – Did you know the City Council maintains ten different volunteer boards and commissions? Members of these boards work to provide advice to the City Council on any number of issues including parks, library services, recreation programming, economic development, and planning. If you have ever thought about helping guide the future of the Saint Peter community, maybe it’s time you considered applying for one of the boards. Applications are now being accepted for positions to begin in January, 2022 for the following boards:

- Civil Service Commission
- Heritage Preservation Commission
- Tourism and Visitors Bureau
- Planning and Zoning Commission
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Additional information on each board (meeting date/time, responsibilities of the board and terms) are available on the City’s website and you can find an application at https://www.saintpetermn.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1158/ADVISORY-BOARD-APPLICATION?bidId=

To be eligible for appointment, candidates must reside within the corporate limits of the City of Saint Peter and must make a commitment to making the meeting dates and times.

**FALL LEAF COLLECTION CONTINUES** - City crews continue to collect leaves south of Broadway Avenue. Once that area is completed they will return to make another pass on all streets north of Broadway Avenue as the weather allows. Property owners should note that curbside collection is planned for completion by Wednesday, 24th.

Those who don’t want to wait are still able to utilize the City’s yard waste drop off site located at the southwest intersection of North Swift/West St. Julien Streets. The site is open 24/7 year round for those who have the orange permit. If you don’t have a permit, or if you are not a resident of the corporate limits of Saint Peter, permits are available at the Public Works Department building (405 West St. Julien Street) or at the Finance Department at City Hall (227 South Front Street).

The curbside collection and the drop-off site are both funded by the Environmental Services fee on City utility bills.
Snow is coming, are you ready? Snow will be here before we know it and as most homeowners know, being caught off guard is not a good thing. Whether it be a snow blower that won’t start or not being able to find a shovel, it’s always best to be prepared.

That’s the way with snow removal regulations for the City also. The City is prepared to help all residents get around during winter weather driving or on foot. Unfortunately that means we have regulations in place that not everyone will comply with or like.

One of those regulations relates to removal of snow and ice from sidewalks and handicap ramps within 24 hours of a snowfall. Doing so allows those with mobility problems or those who must walk all winter to easily get to and from their destination without having to walk in the roadway. It helps your newspaper delivery person, your mail carrier, our Meter Readers, and kids walking to and from school.

Shoveling is hard work but following the rules is important and when City crews are done clearing City sidewalks, they will turn their attention other sidewalks that haven’t been cleared. What’s the cost if the City has to do the work for you? A minimum of $75 per hour!

Rules are also in place in the rare event a snow emergency is declared. If a declaration is made, there is no parking on any snow emergency route (they are signed) for 48 hours after the declaration even if the roadway has been plowed curb to curb. Beginning at midnight, there is no parking on residential streets from midnight until 7 am even if the street has been plowed curb-to-curb. Beginning at 2 am, for two days, there is no parking on downtown streets from 2 am until 6 am even if the street has been plowed curb-to-curb. More details about these rules can be found on the City’s website at https://www.saintpetermn.gov/274/Snow-Emergency-Rules.

Early preparation is the key to avoiding any penalties associated with sidewalks that aren’t cleared or parking on streets during a snow emergency. If you can’t shovel your sidewalk, please hire someone now. If you don’t have off-street parking, please find it now. You’ll thank yourself later.

Who do you call? Maybe the theme from “Ghostbusters” is running through your head with that question, but if you are relatively new to Saint Peter you may not know who to call for answers. Here’s a cheat sheet for future reference:

Police/Fire/EMERGENCY 931-1550 or 911
Parking tickets
Safety programs/classes
Animal impound

City Administrator 934-0663
General City information
City Council meetings and Board schedules
City Code Information
Public Information Requests
Employment
Community Development 934-0661
  Economic Development
  Zoning
  Planning
  Heritage Preservation
  Signage
  Business licensing
  Animal Licensing

Building 934-0662
  Building permits
  Building inspections
  Rental inspections/licensing

Finance 934-0664
  Utility payments (billing)
  Refuse (garbage) collection concerns/questions
  Accounts Payable
  New Utility Account Customer information
  Trash bag sales
  Billing questions
  Public Access television

Public Works 934-0670
  Electric service construction/repair/outages
  Water service construction/repair
  Wastewater service construction/repair
  Stormwater
  Environmental services/yard waste drop off site
  Streets

Parks
Forestry

Recreation and Leisure Services 934-0667
  Program registration
  Youth and adult activities
  Park shelter/campground reservations
  Community Center Room Reservations

Recreation Hotline 934-0070
  Cancellations
  Youth Center information
  Senior Center information (934-7434)
  Warming house hours
  Swimming pool hours

City Information Line 934-0675
  Snow emergency notices
  Electric outages
  City Council agendas
  Meeting Schedules
  Sidewalk complaints
  Snow shoveling complaints
  Weed mowing complaints
  Campground information

Minnesota River Valley Transit (888) 880-4696
Public Library 934-7420
Community Center 934-0667

CITY MEETING CALENDAR

***PLEASE NOTE…Until further notice, City meetings may be conducted electronically as authorized under Minnesota Statutes 13D.021. Log-in information for meetings being held either virtually or as a hybrid virtual/in-person will be included at the bottom of the agenda page. Agendas are all posted on the City’s website at www.saintpetermn.gov.

Thursday  November 11  VETERAN’S DAY LEGAL HOLIDAY – City offices closed
  City Council Workshop

Monday  November 15  5:30 p.m.  Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Monday  November 15  7:00 p.m.  City Council Meeting
Monday  November 22  7:00 p.m.  Hospital Commission
Wednesday November 24  12:30 p.m.  THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY – City offices closed
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