

December 2020

From the Mayor's desk

I hope all of you are surviving the quarantines, shutdowns, layoffs, monotony, etc. This past year the City Council have approved the following projects:

Foley United moved from River Falls into our industrial park.

Lake Street project, which included water/sewer lateral replacement, sewer lining, new curbing and the street rebuilt.

Pearl Street project, which included the extension and looping of water lateral, installation of sewer lateral and street rebuild.

Hearth Development is in the process of gutting the old hospital building at 445 Court Street and converting it into a senior living center with 15 memory care units and 25 independent living units.

A new 5-unit hotel was approved to into the old Most Pharmacy building.

A new subdivision (Palmetto) was approved behind the Joy Lutheran Church, which includes single family homes along the west side of the development and the balance will be twinhomes.

The city received a \$600,000 grant to redo the riverfront and install a trail from downtown to Freedom Park.

The city completed an assessors plat along the downtown and Front Street, which was needed for the riverfront improvement.

The city has accepted a bid to rebuild the courtesy dock and a ramp to it.

If you are interested in being on a committee or commission, please contact me. For a list of committees or commission contact city hall at 715-262-5544.

Any questions, you can call me at 715-262-3615.

I hope you have a great Holiday Season. Go Pack Go



SNOW PARKING

Winter is almost here! It's that time of the year to remind all residents of the City about snow removal ordinances.

November 1st to April 1st parking restrictions will be enforced. This is important because snow removal is a challenge for the Department of Public Works to begin with and it's an even bigger challenge when we leave our cars parked on streets making it virtually impossible for the whole snow removal process to effectively take place.

Please be aware when it snows the city plow trucks will be working. Vehicles left on the street will be subject to a municipal citation and removal of the vehicle at the owner's expense.

Also, please note as the snow is plowed from the streets the snow is divided between both sides of the street. It would not be fair to place all of the snow on one side of the street.

SNOW REMOVAL



When removing snow by shoveling, blowing or plowing the snow needs to remain on your property. Do not place the snow in the city street. You should not place snow on your neighbor's property especially when plowing snow across the street from your driveway unless you can work something out with your neighbor.

Citations can be issued for snow removal.

Every owner shall keep mailboxes located on a terrace area free and clear of snow. Help is also needed for keeping your fire hydrant clear.

All garbage containers shall be placed in your yard or driveway **ADJACENT** to the street or alley. (Not on the street or curb)

It is the goal of the Public Works Department to keep streets as snow free as possible in a timely fashion, thank you for your cooperation!

LICENSE RENEWALS

Reminder dog and golf cart licenses need to be renewed on an annual basis each January. Dog license require a copy of their rabies certificate

WATER SOFTNER

A reminder that if you have a water softener to make sure your setting is not over 25 grains of hardness the city water is around 22 grains of hardness between all three wells. This will save you money on salt and water usage for regeneration and also help the wastewater plant from putting excessive chlorides into the river which we are getting up there and if it continues to climb the DNR will be putting us on a chloride limit which will cost everyone.

SPEED LIMITS ON HIGHWAYS WITHIN CITY LIMITS

The city has had a number of changes over the last several years. The high school has moved to Dexter Street and Highway 10. We have added new businesses to our business park bringing new jobs and new homes which create additional traffic along the highways which travel through the city.

Mayor and Council members have been approached by residents to lower the speed limits along the highways. Since the Department of Transportation (DOT) controls all of the highways within the State of Wisconsin, the Mayor and Council approved a resolution to be sent to the DOT to lower the speed limits. There have been forty-three (43) accidents in the area of concern including one with a pedestrian and on fatality.

DOT did a traffic study along the highways in the fall of 2019 and presented the city with their report in September of 2020. Their study only represented 24 hours or less in each location. There has been an additional business added to our business park and new homes added to the subdivisions along Highway 35. The DOT informed the Mayor and Council they would not be making any changes in speed limits as requested.

We are looking for help from our residents. It appears the only way we may be able to lower the speed limits is to work with our legislatures. If you feel the speed limits need to be lowered please contact them. Below is their mailing and email addresses:

Senator Jeff Smith
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Madison, WI 53707
(608) 266-8546
Sen.Smith@legis.wisconsin.gov

Representative Warren Petryk
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