

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action at the City Council meeting held on July 22, 2019 included final acceptance of the 2019 North Third Street and Miscellaneous Sidewalk Improvements Project; approval of new business licenses; a closed session and subsequent action regarding a request to release the City's "right of first refusal" on the property at 203 South Front Street; and a report on locating a new dog park.

The next regular City Council meeting will be Monday, August 12th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Governors' Room of the Community Center.

CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FILING – UPDATED INFORMATION!!!!

On July 22nd, Councilmember Susan Carlin announced her resignation from the Council effective July 26th. As provided for in State Statute, a special election will be held on November 5, 2019 to fill the vacancy for Ms. Carlin's term which expires on December 31, 2021. Ward 1 residents interested in filing for City Council in Ward 1 will now be required to specifically file for either the 4-year term or the term to fill the remainder of Councilmember Carlin's term. Please contact the City Administrator's Office (934-0663) for more information on this development.



The filing period for seats on the City Council will open at **8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 30th and continue until 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2019.** The Election will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 to elect a Mayor, one Councilmember from Ward I (North Ward) and two Councilmembers from Ward II (South Ward). The terms of:

NAME	POSITION	TERM
Charles Ziemann	Mayor	2 yrs.
Roger Parras	Council Ward I	4 yrs.

Jerry Pfeifer	Council Ward 2	4 yrs.
John Kvamme	Council Ward 2	4 yrs.

expire on December 31, 2019.

The following position will be available in Ward 1 to fill the unexpired term of Councilmember Carlin:

Councilmember Ward I - to fill term expiring 12/31/2021

Saint Peter City Council positions are non-partisan and to qualify as a candidate you must:

- Be eligible to vote in Minnesota.
- Have not filed for the same or any other office at the general election.
- Be or will be at least 21 years of age or more on assuming office; and
- Have maintained a residence in the district for which you are seeking office for at least 30 days before the general election on November 5, 2019

Once filing is officially open, anyone wishing to file for City offices may do so at the City Administrator's office in the Municipal Building, 227 South Front Street between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. The filing fee is \$5.00.

Persons with questions regarding the election or filing for office are encouraged to call the City Administrator's office at 934-0663 or by email at barbaral@saintpetermn.gov.

SUMMER CELEBRATION AND NIGHT TO UNITE –

Please join neighbors and other community members for the annual Night to Unite/Summer Celebration at Veteran's Memorial Park, Monday, August 5th from 5:30–7:30 p.m.

There will be free games and activities for all ages...safety demonstrations...crime prevention tips....two inflatables...games....Kiwanis hot dogs and walking tacos....dunk tank....balloon twister

and lots of prizes. There's also free pool admission during the event!

Please support the Saint Peter Food Shelf by bringing a generous donation to the event. This event is co-sponsored by the City's Recreation and Leisure Services and Police Departments.

PAVILION CONSTRUCTION UPDATE – Anyone driving past Minnesota Square Park during the last few months probably has noticed a project to tear down and reconstruct the Park's focal point pavilion. The pictures here give you an idea of where the project started (with the old pavilion) and a couple of photos showing construction stages.



During the month of June framing and under roofing was installed with masonry work beginning in early July and interior walls started just days ago. Flooring will be poured as soon as the interior work is completed.



The City's Construction Manager for the project, R.W. Carlstrom Company of Mankato, is shooting for completion in August. That means the Rock Bend Folk Festival should be the first large-scale user of the new facility.

The City is still accepting donations for the pavilion project and if you would like to donate, please contact the Finance Department at City Hall (934-0664) for more information.



The City takes so many actions related to improved sustainability for the environment that it might be simpler to talk about what we aren't doing, but here's the list off the top of my head of what we are doing:

- Full LED street light system and building lighting systems;
- great wastewater treatment protecting the Minnesota River;
- recycling and food waste composting;
- land preservation through storm water management;
- reduced use of salts on roads
- reduced use of pesticides
- public use transit
- changes to our electric generation profile to focus more on renewables including a solar energy subscription program (Community Solar Farms)
- starting the process to be Green Step Certified
- use of biosolids for fertilizer on area farms
- Energy star appliance rebates; and more.

The list is even longer, so let me keep this short... us, you, our city, are doing a ton of things in this area. Participating in the Green Steps program is one of the ways we will help document it and get us all a bit of recognition for our efforts.

Do you see Improved Sustainability? It makes me wonder.....

FALL ACTIVITY BROCHURE – The fall activity brochure, a publication listing programs from the City's Recreation and Leisure Services Department and School District Community Education office is coming soon.

The brochure is expected to hit mailboxes Monday, August 11th. Online and in-person registration will begin that same day with lots of activities for Saint Peter area residents of all ages. If you don't get a brochure, extra copies are available at the Community Center or Library.

ARTS IN THE COMMUNITY – On July 15th, the City Council held their regular workshop session at the Arts Center of St. Peter. The Council met with the Arts Center board to further the idea of "arts in the community". Discussion included an update on the sculpture garden featuring the works of Paul Granlund which is recommended to be located in Levee Park; cooperative efforts with the City's Recreation and Leisure Services Department; new and other ongoing cooperative efforts with other arts groups; and promotion of summer festivals in Minnesota Square Park.



MAKES ME WONDER (BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR TODD PRAFKE) – *This is the seventh in a series of "Makes Me Wonder" columns reviewing the City Council's "Items Of Vital*

Importance" list.....

Improved Sustainability... is on the list of issues of vital importance too. This is really talking about both environment and business, but let me focus on the environmental for this column.

The City Council is expected to have much more discussion on these topics in the future.

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

- **POLICE PATROL OFFICER** - The City of Saint Peter Police Civil Service Commission is currently accepting applications to establish an eligibility ranking for the position of Police Patrol Officer. We currently have one immediate opening. Applicants must have a minimum of a two year degree in Law Enforcement from a P.O.S.T. accredited college or vocational school; Possession of a valid Minnesota P.O.S.T. board license or eligibility to immediately receive a P.O.S.T. board license; possession of, or eligible for a Minnesota Class D Drivers license; and satisfactory results on recruitment instruments designated by the Police Civil Service Commission, such as oral examinations, written examinations, physical examinations and psychological examinations. Desired qualifications include: four year Bachelor’s Degree in law enforcement or related field; experience in working with a law enforcement agency; and specialized training or certificate in a law enforcement related field; customer service people oriented employment history. \$27.57/hr. Applications may be obtained at, and must be submitted, along with a cover letter and résumé, to the Saint Peter Police Civil Service Commission, c/o Saint Peter Police Department, 207 South Front Street, Saint Peter, MN 56082, (507)931-1550, by 5:00 p.m., Friday, August 9, 2019. Faxed and/or late applications will not be accepted. AA/EEO

- **PT TRANSIT SUPPORT (DISPATCH) SPECIALIST** - The City of Saint Peter is currently accepting applications for the position of Part-time Transit Support (Dispatcher) Specialist for the Minnesota River Valley Transit system. Hours for this position will be Wednesday 3pm-8pm, Saturdays 9am-7pm with additional fill-in shifts where needed. Transit Support (Dispatch) Specialists assist transit users in scheduling use, directing drivers to stops and pick-ups, provide clerical support for Transit Operations and Compliance Managers, and operating dispatching software. This position will work out of a building in Le Sueur. **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:** High school diploma or equivalent; demonstrated experience working with the public, demonstrated ability to operate a personal computer, ability to read, write, and speak the English language, ability to answer multi-line phone system. **DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:** Experience operating a two-way radio/phone, 1+ year experience in an office setting, 1+ year of experience in a municipal or other transportation system providing logistical support for moving people or materials, demonstrated ability to read and navigate a map, 1+ year experience with dispatching or vehicle routing software and hardware, 1+ year experience in using social media such as Facebook or Twitter. \$16.23 per hour. Applicants are required to submit a City application form available from 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. August 16, 2019. Faxed, emailed, and/or late applications will not be accepted. AA/EEO

CITY MEETING CALENDAR – For questions on meeting dates/times, please contact the City Administrator’s Office at 934-0663. Full calendar available at www.saintpetermn.gov .			
Wednesday	July 24	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	July 25	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	July 26	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	July 29	3:00 p.m.	City Council Goal Session
Tuesday	July 30	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Tuesday- Tuesday	July 30- August 13	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD

Thursday	August 1	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	August 5	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	August 5	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	August 12	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Monday	August 19	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Thursday	August 22	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	August 23	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	August 26	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	August 27	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	August 28	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission