

CITY OF SAINT PETER HOT SHEET



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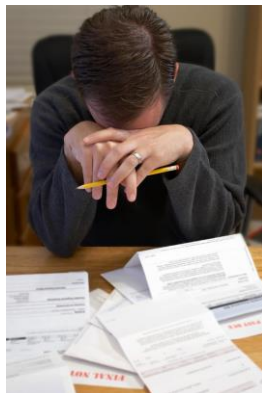
CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – Action taken by the City Council on August 14, 2017 included a public hearing and subsequent action to approve Registered Land Survey #71 which moved the lot line between Lots 2 and 3 in Block 3 of North Industrial Park Subdivision; award of the bid for the Front Street Substation Improvement project; approval for sale of approximately three acres of City owned land in North Industrial Park Subdivision to Solace Apartments Limited Partnership; retained Bolton and Menk, Inc. to provide construction management services on the Broadway Avenue Project; retained Oleson + Hobbie Architects to provide professional design services for replacement of the Minnesota Square Park pavilion; and creation of a City Council technology stipend.

The next City Council meeting is August 28, 2017 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.

COLD WEATHER RULE NOTICE –

City utility customers who have fallen behind on their payments are encouraged to make arrangements to pay the delinquent account before the "Cold Weather Rule" kicks in.

The Minnesota Cold Weather Rule provides that from October 15th through April 15th, the City of Saint Peter, the utility provider for Saint Peter residents, cannot disconnect a residential utility customer for nonpayment if **all** of the following four requirements are met:



1. The account is current for the billing period immediately prior to October 15th.
2. The electric disconnection would affect the customer's primary heat source.
3. The customer's household income is less than 185% of the federal poverty level, as documented by the customer to the City.
4. The customer has filed a "declaration of inability to pay" form with the City.

For the cold weather period October 15th to April 15th of each year the City of Saint Peter will install a limiting meter rather than disconnect service for a customer whose account has become delinquent.

The limiting meter will only allow customers to run their furnace, refrigerator and one or two lights. Customer's whose service is limited must pay all past due amounts plus a reconnection charge of \$70.00 plus tax prior to reconnection. The charge for reconnection after 3:30 pm or when the Finance Department is otherwise closed is \$300 plus tax.

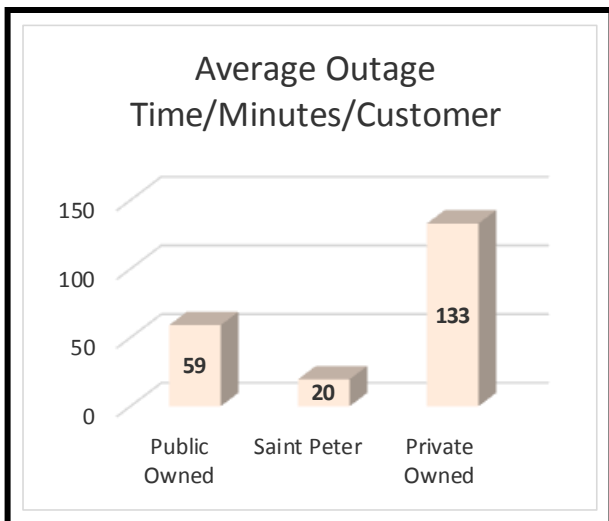
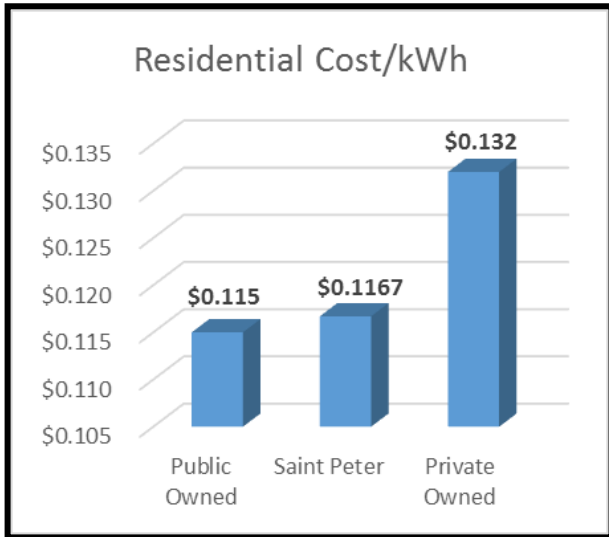
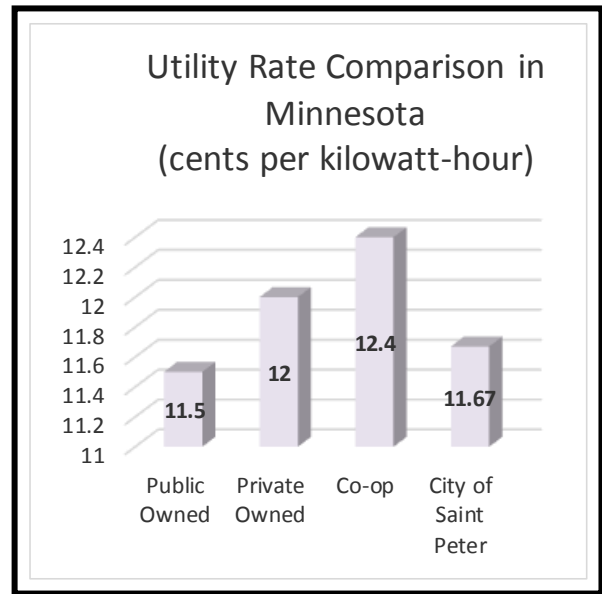
What should a customer do if they can't pay their utility bill? A customer with a delinquent account may request a payment arrangement. The payment arrangement will require the customer to pay the current bill each month and make payments on the unpaid portion on a payment schedule limited to six (6) months. If payment is not made on the date agreed to by the customer and the current utility bill is not paid by the fifteenth of each month, service will be immediately disconnected. During the cold weather period, a limiting meter will be installed.

Customers needing help paying utility bills may qualify for state or federal fuel assistance. For complete qualifications and application information, please contact the Nicollet County Social Services office (934-8559) or the Minnesota Valley Action Council (934-5224). The Salvation Army Heat Share program may also be able to help and can be reached at 326-5017.

DEPENDABLE PUBLIC POWER - The City of Saint Peter is proud to be a publicly owner power provider. It is something that the City takes great pride in.

Providing a dependable service and sustaining a reasonable cost are two issues the City works hard to maintain. The City's Electric Utility has been recognized as a Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3) by the American Public Power Association. This designation demonstrates the value and reliability to the Saint Peter community. Continuous review of operations fosters City staff to keep implementing industry standards and best practices.

The charts shown here include some key stats on how the City's Electric Utility stacks up against the national averages.



LABOR DAY WEEKEND CLOSURES– The following closures will take place over the Labor Day holiday:

- All non-emergency City offices will be closed on Monday, September 4th.
- The Community Center and Library will be closed over the Labor Day weekend, Saturday September 2nd –Monday, September 4th.
- Beginning Tuesday, September 5th, the Community Center and Library hours return to their regular (non-summer hours).
 - Community Center Monday through Friday 6 a.m.–10 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m.–8 p.m. and Sunday noon–8 p.m.
 - Library - Monday through Thursday 10 a.m.–8 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.–4 p.m. The library is closed on Sundays.
- Minnesota River Valley Transit – no service on Monday, September 4th.



EDA MEETING CANCELLED– The Economic Development Authority meeting for Thursday, August 24th has been cancelled. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 28th. For more information on EDA meetings, please contact the Community Development Department at 934-0661.

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

- **BUS DRIVERS** - for the Minnesota River Valley Transit System. **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

High school diploma or equivalent; possession of, or ability to obtain within 30 days of employment, a valid State of Minnesota CDL minimum of Class C Driver's License with passenger endorsement. **DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:** Previous experience working with the public; training in vehicle mechanics; experience operating a two-way radio/phone; and prior bus driving experience. Starting wage \$15.38 per hour. 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. September 14, 2017. Faxed and/or late applications will not be accepted. ****NOTE:** The

successful candidates for this position will be required to successfully complete and pass a pre-employment drug test. The position is also subject to post-accident, random, reasonable suspicion, return to duty, and follow-up drug and alcohol testing as required by USDOT 49 CFR Part 655 (Federal Transit Administration) and USDOT 49 CFR Part 40. In addition, successful candidates for this position must have a vehicle driving record which is clear of revocations, suspensions and cancellations for the past three (3) years. Applicants may be required to submit to a criminal background check and be clear of convictions for crimes or anticipatory crimes (as defined in M.S. 609.17 and 609.175) within the previous fifteen (15) years. 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.

Wednesday	August 23	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	August 24	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	August 25	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	August 28	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	August 29	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Monday	September 4		LABOR DAY HOLIDAY – Offices Closed
Tuesday	September 5	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Thursday	September 7	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	September 11	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	September 11	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	September 12	5:30 p.m.	Library Board
Monday	September 18	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	September 18	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Thursday	September 21	2:00-5:00 p.m.	Senior Expo at Community Center
Friday	September 22	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	September 25	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	September 26	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Wednesday	September 27	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission

Thursday

September 28

12:00 noon

Economic Development Authority

*** Please contact the City Administrator's office (507-934-0663) for up-to-date meeting information.***