

# CITY OF SAINT PETER © HOT SHEET



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**CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE FILING** – The filing period for City offices is now closed. In addition to inclusion of the sales tax question, which was approved by the City Council on Monday evening, the City portion of the November 2, 2021 general election ballot will include the following races and candidates:

## **MAYOR (vote for 1)**

Shanon Nowell  
Ed Johnson  
Chuck Zieman

## **COUNCILMEMBER WARD ONE (vote for 2)**

Ben Ranft  
Remo Alexandri  
Darrell Pettis  
Roger Parras

## **COUNCILMEMBER WARD TWO (vote for 1)**

David B. McGuire  
Dustin Sharstrom  
Jo Ellen Peters

Please note that under State law, candidates have until 5:00 p.m. on August 12<sup>th</sup> to withdraw their candidacy.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING** – The City Council meeting of August 9, 2021 included approval for a local option sales tax question (to create a one-half of one percent sales tax in St. Peter) on the November 2, 2021 election ballot; calling for a public hearing on creation of Tax Increment Financing District No. 1-23; approving City assistance for Rock Bend Folk Festival and A Day of Hope community events; authorization for Bolton and Menk, Inc. to prepare an intersection traffic evaluation at the intersection of Sunrise Drive and

Broadway Avenue; authorization for Bolton and Menk, Inc. to provide engineering related to development of a right-of-way Plat for 361<sup>st</sup> Avenue west of the High School; and award of grant funds for ADA accessibility improvements on several downtown businesses.

The next regular City Council meeting will be Monday, August 23, 2021 beginning at 7:00 p.m. As a reminder, Council meetings are once again back to in-person only. No virtual participation will be available.

Agendas for all City Council meetings are available on the City's website ([www.saintpetermn.gov](http://www.saintpetermn.gov)) the Friday before the Council meeting.

**VOTER REGISTRATION** – Are you registered to vote? While Minnesota is one of the very few states that allow Election Day registration, being pre-registered makes the process much smoother (and substantially less time consuming) on November 2nd.

If you have never registered, have moved, have changed your name, or even if it has been several years since you last voted, you need to make sure you are registered at the correct address. This will eliminate standing in at least one line on Election Day and it will also prevent any delays in receipt of an absentee ballot if you request one. You can check the status of your registration at <https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/VoterStatus.aspx>, but don't delay. The deadline for pre-registration is October 12<sup>th</sup>!



**PARKS AND RECREATION SURVEY** – To better evaluate the community’s parks and recreation needs and current facilities, the City is asking for residents to participate in an online survey.

If you are willing to participate, please access the survey by visiting the City’s website at <https://www.saintpetermn.gov/155/Recreation>. No access to the internet? You can also contact the Recreation and Leisure Services Department by calling 507-934-0667 to have the survey sent directly to you.

It’s a short survey that should only take a few minutes so we hope that you will participate as your feedback is much appreciated.

**WATER CONSERVATION** - With more than 50% of Minnesota experiencing severe drought conditions and some areas experiencing an extreme drought, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has notified all public water suppliers the state has reached a drought warning stage

A component of this designation is that water suppliers like the City are asked to encourage and promote conservation of water. The DNR has asked that the gallons of water pumped by the City be reduced to 150% of the normal daily pumping levels during the month of January. For the City of Saint Peter, that means reducing water usage to 1,500,000 gallons per day.

Here are some tips on how we can all help meet that reduced level and help ensure the State’s water supply remains at high enough levels for not only human consumption, but fire protection as well:

- Limit or completely stop outdoor irrigation activities. While lawns that are green are beautiful to look at, most of the water from sprinklers is wasted through evaporation or poor positioning of the sprinkler which allows the water to fall on impervious areas. Experts say established lawns will grow dormant without sufficient water but will come back on their own once the weather cooperates.
- Avoid washing vehicles.
- Run only full loads in dishwashers and washing machines.
- Turn off the faucet when brushing your teeth. Letting the faucet run for even that brief amount of time adds up to hundreds of gallons of water lost over the course of a month.
- Do you like to let the tap run to get a nice cold drink of water? Fill a pitcher and keep it in the fridge instead of letting the tap run.

More information on how you can conserve not only during this drought period, but every day, can be found on the DNR’s website at [https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/watermgmt\\_section/appropriations/water-conservation-residents.html](https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/waters/watermgmt_section/appropriations/water-conservation-residents.html).

**CITY MEETINGS BACK TO IN PERSON** – With COVID-19 restrictions lifted around the State, all public City meetings, including the City’s advisory boards and commissions, will once again be held in person. The virtual option will no longer be offered. Videos of advisory board and commission meetings, which had been done through virtual software, will no longer be posted on the City’s YouTube channel. Regular City Council meetings will continue to be recorded with the videos posted on YouTube. Meeting schedules and agendas for all of the City’s public meetings can be found on the City’s website at [www.saintpetermn.gov](http://www.saintpetermn.gov).

**ANNUAL SEAL COAT PROJECT** – The 2021 seal coat project is now underway. If you live in an area where seal coat will be applied, please heed the “no parking” signs. Vehicles which remain on the roadway as the crews approach may be towed.

Seal coating is a process where tacky asphaltic oil is applied to the road surface, followed immediately by placement of small red/chip rock stones. The rock is left in place for several days to allow it before the excess is picked up by Public Works. This process creates a water proof seal on the road surface that prevents water penetration which could lead to deterioration of the road surface.

Different sections of Saint Peter are seal coated on a rotating basis every 5-6 years.

When the oil and rock is being placed, vehicular traffic is restricted, but roads are reopened very quickly. City crews work with the contractor to provide traffic control.

Residents of the areas to be seal coated will notice “no parking” signs that are posted in advance of the work and will need to make alternative plans for parking until the roadway is reopened to traffic and the signs are removed. This years’ seal coat routes include the following roadways:



- South Washington Avenue from Jefferson to Highway 169
- Capitol Drive (All)
- Freeman Drive (All)
- South Front Street from Broadway to Jefferson Avenue
- 100 block of Jefferson Avenue
- Pine Street from South Front Street to Minnesota Avenue
- Elm Street from South Front Street to Minnesota Avenue
- St. Paul Street from South Front Street to Minnesota Avenue
- College Avenue from South Front Street to Minnesota Avenue
- Locust Street from South Front Street to Minnesota Avenue
- Walnut Street from South Front Street to Minnesota Avenue
- Mulberry Street from South Front Street to South Third Street
- Grace Street from South Front Street to South Third Street
- Nassau Street from South Front Street to South Third Street
- Park Row from South Front Street to South Third Street
- South Third Street from Broadway to Mulberry Street
- North Front Street (All)
- North Third Street from Broadway to Livermore Street
- North Fourth Street (All)
- North Fifth Street from Broadway to St. Julien Street
- Chestnut Street from North Front to North Fifth Street
- Chatham Street from North Front Street to cul-de-sac
- Madison Street from North Front Street to cul-de-sac
- Skaro Street from Minnesota Avenue to North Fifth Street
- Swift Street from St. Julien Street to dead end
- Livermore Street from Minnesota Avenue to Fair Street
- Ramsey Street from Minnesota Avenue to North Fourth Street
- Sumner Street from North Fifth Street to dead end
- Fair Street (All)
- Ronell Street to dead end
- Old Minnesota Avenue from St. Julien Street to Union Street

Property owners along these roadways may experience a bit of dust from the process, but please be patient until the rock is swept up in a few days. For questions about the seal coating process, please contact the Public Works Department at 934-0670.

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

- **POLICE PATROL OFFICER** - Applicants must have a minimum of a two year degree in Law Enforcement from a P.O.S.T. accredited college or vocational school; or three years' experience as a police officer or working in a related field such as Probation or Corrections. 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 within 30 days of employment. Desired qualifications include: four year Bachelor's Degree in law enforcement or related field from an accredited college or university; Four or more years of experience as a law enforcement officer; Demonstrated specialized training or certificates in a law enforcement related subjects such as Emergency Management, Crime Scene Processing, Tactical Response, Mental Health Response, and/or Law Enforcement De-escalation Training; and ability to speak conversational Spanish or Somali. Wage range \$28.97-\$36.21/hr. depending on qualifications. The City of Saint Peter offers competitive health benefits. Applicants are required to complete a City application form which is available from the Saint Peter Police Department at 207 South Front Street, by calling (507) 931-1550, or the City's website at <https://www.saintpetermn.gov/365/Employment>. Applications must include a cover letter and résumé, and be received by 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 20, 2021. Oral Interviews are scheduled to occur on September 1, 2021. Late applications will not be accepted. AA/EOE

**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](http://www.saintpetermn.gov).

Monday	August 16	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
Monday	August 16	7:00 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
Wednesday	August 25	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	August 26	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	August 27	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	August 30	3:00 p.m.	City Council Goal Session
Tuesday	August 31	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission
Thursday	September 2	5:30 p.m.	Planning and Zoning Commission
Monday	September 6		LABOR DAY HOLIDAY – City offices closed
Tuesday	September 7		City Council Workshop
Monday	September 13	3:30 p.m.	Housing and Redevelopment Authority
Monday	September 13	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting
Tuesday	September 14	5:30 p.m.	Library Advisory Board
Monday	September 20	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop
<del>Monday</del>	<del>September 20</del>	<del>7:00 p.m.</del>	<del>Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – cancelled!</del>
Wednesday	September 22	12:30 p.m.	Hospital Commission
Thursday	September 23	12:00 noon	Economic Development Authority
Friday	September 24	8:00 a.m.	Tourism and Visitors Bureau
Monday	September 27	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meetings
Tuesday	September 28	5:30 p.m.	Heritage Preservation Commission