

July 2, 2013

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

This section is to highlight projects and events that do not require Council action but are necessary to keep you informed. Commission/Committee minutes will be contained in this section when they are available.

City Administrators Report

This will be included in the first Council Packet of each month.

Planning Commission Agenda Packet

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Colvill Event Notice

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

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Following is a brief update on the main projects I have been working on:

South of School Project: The Change Order for this project is on the regular agenda for approval.

Hwy. 19 Project: Staff continues to work with MNDOT on the downtown ADA changes prior to construction. In addition we continue to work with MNDOT on final plans for a crosswalk at the Park 'n Ride lot. Once MNDOT approves the plans they will come to the Council for review and approval.

CSAH 24 Project: This project continues to move forward. One change is that the City will no longer have to take over a majority of the old CSAH 24 as we thought which will save us a great deal of money on future repair and replacement. This issue is on the regular agenda for approval.

New Hospital Update: Construction has begun. In addition Dave has been working with Mayo and other interested parties on the reuse/future plans for the current hospital site. Plans should be coming to the Council soon on what will be done with the existing building and neighboring properties owned by Mayo.

Economic Development: Dave and the EDA continue doing a great job in growing our Commercial/Industrial base with more projects in the works at this time. I recently toured the Lorentz Meats expansion which is very impressive and recommend the Council take a tour if possible.

Sandstone Ridge: I continue to work with the County on this issue and hope to come to a mutually beneficial conclusion. I have sent an official request to the County Board to combine the lots and transfer them to the City. We can then attempt to sell the parcel for development and recoup our outstanding assessments on the property. I hope to be able to go before the Board to discuss this matter and find resolution soon. I will continue to update the Council as this progresses.

City Finances: Staff has started the budgeting process and we should have a preliminary budget ready for review in August. A Work Session to discuss the General Fund balance and potential projects will be held after the next Council meeting. As always we continue to invest City funds and gain whatever interest we can on our reserves.

East Side I Project: Construction has begun and is on schedule. The bonding for this project will be completed at the second meeting this month.

Highway 52 Project: The project is moving forward on schedule. Monthly meetings continue being held to keep everyone involved up to date on the project status.

Cooperation Efforts: As always we continue to work with our neighboring Cities, the County, School District, and area businesses to see what can be developed for sharing of services. Along with us the cities of Zumbrota and Kenyon are also looking to hire a part time police officer. Staff is looking at the possibility of hiring a full time officer and sharing that officer with the other cities to meet everyone's part time needs. There is generally more stability with hiring full time officers and this would result in cost savings for all the cities involved.

Library Project: Some minor work continues to be done as issues come up but no major problems have emerged. A change order to address some drainage issues and to add cement to the west side of the site is on the regular agenda for approval.

52/86 Intersection Project: With the change in plans at 52/9 we have not heard if MNDOT will move this project to this year or keep it in 2014.

The above are brief descriptions of the main projects I have been working on. There have been numerous smaller projects and the everyday activities of City Hall that have been keeping me busy. Please let me know if you would like further information on any of the above projects or if you would like me working on anything else. I always appreciate input and direction from the City Council.

Commemorative Event to Observe the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg

Tuesday, July 2: Colvill Memorial in the Cannon Falls Community Cemetery



In 1929 President Calvin Coolidge came to Cannon Falls to dedicate the Colvill Memorial. In his remarks he said "...The memorial which we dedicate today is not only to the physical courage of men of high character displayed in an hour of great peril, but also in behalf of a great cause. There was in their deed no element of selfishness, no hope of personal gain. It stands as an exhibition of pure patriotism, of supreme sacrifice for the integrity of the Union, and the inviolate sovereignty of the Federal Constitution. It is these qualities which bring the great concourse of our citizens to do honor to the action of Colonel Colvill and his regiment more than three score years after the event.

That same honor will continue to be paid them not only so long as the Nation which they served shall endure, but so long as self-sacrificing devotion to high ideals commends itself to the heart of men..."

On Tuesday, July 2, twenty-thirty soldiers of the Minnesota National Guard 135th Infantry will be at the Colvill Memorial in the Cannon Falls Community Cemetery to conduct a ceremony to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg and the sacrifices made by the 1st Minnesota. The ceremony will involve a wreath laying, a reading of the Plum Run Report followed by a 21 gun salute and taps. The ceremony will begin at 7:30 p.m.