



Ottertail City Happenings

Thank you to everyone who has given us positive feedback on the first newsletter. We hope you find this issue equally informative.

The City would like to thank Eldin and Marlys Lueders for their faithful service to the city these past years as custodians and for handling the reservations at the Community Center. Eldin and Marlys retired from the city on September 16th. Good luck and enjoy your retirement.

The City would like to welcome Vicky Gunkel as the new custodian for the City.

Contact the city hall for scheduling information for the Community Center.

T-N-T Truth-In-Taxation

According to the 2010 Census, the City of Ottertail (population 572) has reached a pinnacle point. Cities with a population of 500 or more are required by law to hold a Truth-In-Taxation meeting prior to adopting their final levy. Ottertail will hold its T-N-T meeting on Tuesday, November 29th, 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center at 93 Lake Avenue.

Notes from the Planning Committee

The Ottertail Planning Committee would like to hear from you. Do you have an idea of what you'd like to see in Ottertail? Another park? Expansion of the bike path?

Let us know. The Planning Committee meets on the third Monday, September – May, at City Hall. The group's goal is to look into the future and have a plan of where the city should be 20-30-50 years from now. Give us your ideas!

Water Department

Shut-Off Policy: Water users with accounts over 60 days old are subject to water shut-off. Please be sure to make your water bill payment by the deadline to avoid a late penalty. Delinquent users will have their water service terminated until full payment is made.

Water Meters: The new radio read meters are in and what a difference! Everything is running smoothly and the switch over went great! Many thanks to all for calling in and making your appointment. With the new system, we are able to track usage of water much better and even detect leaks in your system. We are able to tell if you have a continuous leak anywhere from 15 to 35 days. If we see a leak, we will contact you in order for you to call your plumber and get it repaired. Usually a leak can be a dripping faucet or even a toilet that is running continually.

Council Corner

Bike Path

The bike path will be the major project this coming year. The bidding process will begin early in the year. Interstate Engineering will be assisting the city in the process. It will be an exciting year!

Community Center & Park

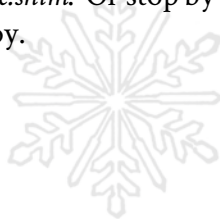
Thanks to the Auction Committee for improvements to the Community Park this past year. New playground equipment has been installed, and in cooperation with the City, auction funds will be used to place an irrigation system at the park as well as update the landscaping at the Community Center. The City Council has also authorized a fresh coat of paint for all the rooms at the Center.

2012 Proposed Levy

The proposed levy for the City of Ottertail was set at a 6.2% increase or an increase of \$19,404.00. The proposed increases would be to help finance various programs and capital outlay projects. **THIS IS NOT THE FINAL AMOUNT.** The final levy will be determined at or after the T-N-T meeting on November 29th. The council can reduce the levy, but is not allowed to increase it at this time. The council is still in the process of budget planning. December 28th is the deadline to set the final levy and adopt the 2012 budget. Budgets are implemented for General Fund, Fire Fund, GO-IMP and other special revenue funds.

Winter Weather

It's hard to believe, but winter will soon be here again. Prepare yourself, your family, and your home by using suggestions from FEMA. Check out their website at http://www.fema.gov/hazard/winter/wi_before.shtm. Or stop by City Hall for a hard copy.



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Lot Requirements

The City of Ottertail requires lots to be 20,000 sq. ft. to be considered "buildable." Anything smaller is subject to variance. Please contact City staff if you have any questions "before you buy!"

Commercial Zoning

Reminder to all builders and contractors: Commercial property in Ottertail is required to obtain a zoning permit for any improvements to property. Stop in at City Hall for more information and a permit application.

Calendar

October 11 – Budget Work Session - 6:30 p.m.

October 17 - Planning Committee - 7:00 p.m.

October 22 – Regular City Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

November 17 – Regular City Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

November 21 – Planning Committee - 7:00 p.m.

November 29 – Truth in Taxation at Community Center - 6:30 p.m.

December 5 – Otterdazzle

December 15 – Regular City Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

December 19 – Planning Committee - 7:00 p.m.

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Animal Ordinance

A reminder that all dogs and cats in the city are to be harnessed or collared with a metallic tag securely fastened to the animal's harness or collar. This tag should indicate the veterinarian, date and registration number for the administered rabies shot. An animal, if found to be AT-LARGE, with no tag, may be removed from the city and delivered to the Humane Society. Owners who allow their dog or cat to roam freely off their controlled premises can be fined.

Recent Ordinance Action

Amended Ordinance 2-89: increased impervious area adjoining a golf course from 30% to 40%.

Fee Schedule Ordinance 2011-03: adopts a master fee schedule for the city. Fees are set by ordinance and reviewed each year.