

MANAGER'S MINUTE

November 2020

With the end of November each year we celebrate Thanksgiving prior to entering the Christmas season. This year's Thanksgiving celebration was cooled by the Governor's freeze limiting the number of family and friends that could get together to celebrate this annual observance. That aside I hope that each and every one of you had a chance to give thanks for all the good things that have happened to you this past year.

The City of Winston prides itself on celebrating its traditions, unfortunately this year we will be unable to enjoy the Christmas parade and Christmas tree lighting we have come to know. The Festival Committee will still be lighting Civic Wayside Park with colorful lighting and our public works crews have hung the holiday banners.

During this year's elections you voted in Councilor Scott Rutter to be your next Mayor and Lenny Huiras as the new Councilor from Ward I. Mr. Huiras operates a business at 80 Sherry Street called Vital Signs Northwest. Also, when Councilor Rutter moves into the Mayor's chair in January, it will create a council vacancy in Ward II that will be filled by council appointment. Ward II is all of the City south of Hwy 42 entering the city and east of Main Street to the Dillard Bridge. Shortly after the first of the year the City will advertise the opening on Council for all of you that live in Ward II that want to apply. In addition, the ballot measure to allow for recreational marijuana to be sold in the City failed, while the ballot measure to allow for a 3% tax on recreational marijuana passed.

During what has become the year of COVID-19 the City has still managed to have a productive year. The following is a list of major accomplishments so far this year:

1. New look at City Hall.
2. Moved the Visitor Information Center into City Hall.
3. Completed the new Snow Street sewer lift station with the help of a grant in the amount of approximately \$500,000.
4. Established the Winston Public Library approved by the State.
5. Received a Grant from Rural Development in the amount of \$137,252 for the Police parking lot project.
6. Approved a new Franchise Agreement with Avista.
7. Amended the Code by allowing two additional months of burning allowing for burning during the months of October & November, and April & May.
8. Added an additional School Resource Officer, paid for by the School District.
9. Approved a Zoning change for property off of Lost Ln in order to allow for the development of a large multifamily development.
10. Approved a new union contract for public works and clerical staff.

November City Council Actions:

Approved Ordinances and Resolutions:

- Resolution 20-968 Awarding a contract for the East Side Sewer and Paving project for an amount not to exceed \$630,111 with \$206,313 coming from an STP grant.

- Resolution 20-969 approving a one-year extension to the City’s agreement with Douglas County for the treatment of leachate.

Police Statistics

| <u>11-08-20 through 11-14-20</u> | <u>11-15-20 through 11-21-20</u> | <u>January 1 to current date:</u> |
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| Arrests: 7 | Arrest: 6 | Arrest: 550 |
| Traffic Stops:29 | Traffic Stops: 5 | Traffic Stops: 2047 |
| Citations: 17 | Citations: 3 | Citations: 525 |
| Warnings 7 | Warnings: 2 | Warnings: 875 |
| Criminal Cases Taken:11 | Criminal Cases Taken:14 | Criminal Cases Taken: 802 |
| Drug Cases:0 | Drug Cases: 0 | Drug Cases:29 |
| DUII Cases:0 | DUII Cases: 2 | DUII Cases:19 |
| Fugitive Cases:5 | Fugitive Cases: 1 | Fugitive Cases:190 |
| Reports Taken:17 | Report Taken: 23 | Reports Taken: 1131 |
| Calls for Service:79 | Calls for Service:76 | Calls for Service: 5258 |