# ~ things happening at City Hall ~

### CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Now that we have our new website, all currently approved minutes will be available there for you to view. In addition to this, they will be available at the City Hall entryway by the public notice board for pick up during office hours. Minutes will continue to be available upon request at City Hall or we can email them to you too.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Next year's Volksfest will be June 13, 14 & 15, 2025!

#### SNOW REMOVAL IN THE CITY

As we head into the snow season, Public Works has guidelines and procedures they follow based on the timing and amount of snowfall we receive. Generally, in amounts of 4-6", they start at 2:00 a.m. and continue until finished. These times are adjusted if it is still snowing at 2:00 a.m., but at a minimum, a pass thru town is done by 5:00 a.m. Snowfall below this amount, future forecasts are taken into consideration in their removal process. The Public Works Department has a plan and it is followed for each and every snow fall – well before it starts snowing. Even if you don't see them, you will. Even if you may question their technique, it is done for a reason. They know it's snowing and will make sure the city streets are cleared. Please refrain from calling staff directly when they are out and about plowing. We need to keep them focused and not be on the phone while trying to efficiently and more importantly, SAFELY drive while on the streets.

### SIDEWALK CLEANING - FOR YOUR INFORMATION

According to the new Zoning Ordinance #200 -

Subd. 4. Public Nuisances Affecting Peace and Safety. The following are declared to be nuisances affecting public peace & safety:

- All snow and ice that is not removed from public sidewalks within twenty-four (24) hours after the snow or other precipitation causing the condition, has ceased.
- The allowing of rainwater, ice or snow to fall from any building or structure upon any street or sidewalk or flow across any sidewalk.

Please make sure that sidewalks on your property are maintained according to the new zoning ordinance.

### CHANGE OF COUNCIL MEETING FOR DECEMBER

The December 25<sup>th</sup> regular council meeting has been changed to December 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.

#### FIRE HYDRANTS

In keeping with a snow theme, now is a good reminder for keeping hydrants clear. In Minnesota, it's



the responsibility of property owners to keep fire hydrants clear of snow, debris, and vegetation so that firefighters can access them in an emergency.

Here are some tips for clearing a hydrant:

- Clear at least three feet of space in all directions around the hydrant.
- Make a path from the road to the hydrant.
- Don't park in front of a hydrant.

#### **ELECTION STATS**

- Voters Registered at 7AM: 709
- Voter Registering on Election Day: 39
- Number of People Voting: 625
- Percentage of Voter turnout: 88%
- Several ballots had write-in candidates, but not circled in as the choice, so they cannot be included in the tally.

# REMINDER – MERRY AND BRIGHT GOODHUE LIGHT CONTEST SPONSORED BY GOODHUE CHAMBER

To enter email: GoodhueChamber@gmail.com Your name & address

Qualifications: Must have a Goodhue address

Prizes: 1st Place - \$100 Chamber Bucks 2nd Place - \$75 Chamber Bucks

3rd Place - \$50 Chamber Bucks

Judging will take place December 15th-17<sup>th</sup>

## GOODHUE GAS COMMISSION MEMBERS NEEDED

NOTICE is hereby given that Candidates can apply for the open Board Member positions of the Goodhue Gas Commission beginning at 8:00 AM on November 15, 2024, in the office of the City Clerk, City of Goodhue, 405 N Broadway, Goodhue, Minnesota. The last day on which applications may be filed is December 11th, 2024, until 5:00 PM.

The offices for which can be applied for are of Two Members of the Goodhue Gas Commission Board. Gas Board Members will be appointed by the City Council for (1) two-year term and (1) one-year term beginning on January 1st, 2025. Forms are available at City Hall.

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