

CITY OF WINDOM
NEWS & NOTES
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197TH EDITION

SEPTEMBER 29, 2026

Department Head Meeting Highlights –

- 2027 Council Budget Meetings – October 13 and October 27
- City Telephone System – VOIP System – Continued Discussion
- PEIP Health Insurance – 2027 Rates
- Property and Auto Insurance – LMCIT List Review and Update
- City Council Agenda Review
- Department Updates

Activities & Project Updates

- **Arena** – Ice system started and scheduled for painting lines next week. October 11th tentative start.
- **Community Center** – Weddings last two weekends and one left for 2026. U of MN Class hosting a session and visiting Jeffers Petroglyphs. October gun show and Terror Trail.
- **Telecom** – Conversion to VOIP continuing with 168 done by end of week and doing about 60/week.
- **Liquor** – September 21st was Chad Greenway Grey Duck Vodka promotional. October 14th the MMBA Regional meeting will be held at the Windom Community Center. Wine tasting event is November 13th. Federal deadline on THC sales rules, will impact insurance coverage, banking and credit card processing. Looking at options.
- **Water\Wastewater** – Phosphorus limits done at end of September. Water main leak on 2012 project. Fall sludge hauling pending weather and field work.
- **Police** – Active shooter event last week, thank you to all the Departments that helped out and provided support.
- **Economic Development Authority** – M & R Paving paid for most of work at Windom Apts so DEED grant funds spent. Working with a business on finding a retail location in Windom. Trails grants opening next week.
- **Library** – Amelia Earhart presentation went well and had good attendance. New staff started.
- **Electric** – Conner and Cody attended overhead line school last week. Two burn-offs at a business were repaired. Bucket truck rescue training done today.
- **Building\Zoning** – Building Official test passed. A couple variance requests coming in and permits have slowed down.
- **Streets & Parks** – Assisted with water main break and street patch coming next week. Hauled sand to the Arena and Cottonwood Lake beach. Crew doing repair and tree trimming work on Lakeview Ave. Alleys were graded and gravel placed.

- **City Hall** – Still transitioning some job duties. Working on budgets. Have utility billing system conversion and work with Federated on transition for telecom billing. Will see some staffing challenges with people going out on maternity leave.
- **Ambulance** – Runs up 50 year to date. The chassis remount should be done in 1-2 weeks. Training for telemedicine will be upcoming.
- **Recreation** – Renovations to Eagle Field about done and grass seeded.
- **Pool** – FEMA 2nd Appeal DENIED. Alternative Project to use existing funds for demolition is pending with HSEM.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING (6:30 PM) – October 6, 2026

The upcoming City Council meeting will include these items:

1. Call to Order
2. Minutes, Licenses and Regular Bills
3. Department Heads
4. Resolution – Donation for Library
5. LMCIT – Insurance Renewal Presentation
6. Ordinance #213 – 2nd Reading – Airport Zoning
7. Resolution – Approval of Title & Summary for Ordinance #214
8. Street Closure Request – 5K Turkey Trot – November 14, 2026
9. Liquor Store – Fire Dept Fundraiser – Fund Transfer
10. Personnel
 - a. Library – on-call help
 - b. Community Center – on-call help
11. New Business
 - a. Halloween Trick or Treat Hours – 4-8 PM – October 31st
12. Old Business
 - a. FEMA 2nd Appeal Denial
13. Council Comments
14. Adjourn

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CITIZENS OF OUR COMMUNITY**