

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE June 19, 2023

HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATES: We are checking references on a WWTP applicant. Due to ongoing emergencies in the PD, this has taken some time.

Shawn Poole will be returning to full time in mid-July and Matthew Kuzma has turned in his notice. We are low on staff right now due to emergencies and training and are relying on support from VBC Sherriff as well as Tribal Officers for support.

GENERAL UPDATES

ATTORNEY: I am actively working with the attorney on the Interlocal Fire Agreement, the PC and ZBA Ordinances, as well as on questions related to water/sewer use.

LEGAL: The City is being sued as part of the Mistretta civil case. The City is being represented by Plunkett and Cooney, as assigned by our insurance company. Discovery ends October 24th. We recently turned over a number of documents related to Mr. Mistretta's HR file, HPD policies and City policies.

VBEMS: I emailed with John Faul who assured me the County was in agreement with the amendment to include Hartford in the VBEMS contract. Dennis is out of town until the week of the Council meeting. As such, it is unlikely that we will have an agreement until he returns, so there will likely need to be a special meeting to approve the VBEMS agreement.

7 W MAIN: Due to a fire at 7 W Main, the owners are considering demolishing the property. The City's Building Inspector has requested the review of a structural engineer to make sure that demolition of the supporting walls will not compromise the connected buildings. He is working with Chief Harting and Asst. Chief McGrew on this matter.

215 SHEPARD ST.: Demolition is scheduled to begin July 17, 2023 at 8am. Danny will work with the contractor, Cross Excavating to make sure the project goes well. As a reminder they have to remove the structure as if it has asbestos.

PLANNING COMMISSION: The Planning Commission met and approved a site plan for Rick Stevens at 60401 CR687 for additional outdoor storage units, as allowed by right in the Business District. The PC also discussed the proposed PC Ordinance and change requests were sent to the attorney for review and consideration.

NEWSLETTER: A summer newsletter went out this last week along with the Water Quality Report.

WWTP UV RACKS In speaking to Wightman, it is best to wait for the upgrades at the WWTP to be finalized and all systems to be recalibrated before attempting to bring the UV rack back online. Once that is done, Mickey and Mary will come out, work with staff, including on the purchase of a winch and see what can be done to effectively bring the rack online or refund the City.