

# City Newsletter



City of Holdingford

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## MAY 13<sup>TH</sup> CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Full Meeting Minutes can be found online: <https://holdingfordmn.us/minutes>

From the Stearns County Attorney's Office, Chief Deputy Mike Lieberg provided a summary of the cases prosecuted in Stearns County in 2023.

The representatives from Holding Township were here to ask a few clarifying questions about the Fire Contract. They have requested that a member of the City Council attend the Township meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup> to potentially witness the signing of the Fire Contract.

City Engineer Dave Blommel provided an update, stating that more applications have been submitted for funding for the Lift State project, with one denial received so far. The Council approved Resolution 24-5-13-2 for a feasibility study on street improvements to North High Court. Notices will be sent to residents of North High Court.

The Land Use Committee presented two permits. One permit was for Greg Konsor to build a shed, which will include a greenhouse and a well to water plants. The other building permit was for the school to construct a new greenhouse. Both permits were approved by the City Council.

The Fire Department has applied for a \$5,000 DNR Grant and is expecting to find out in June if they have been awarded the FEMA grant. They have received three quotes for a new tanker truck, ranging from \$330,000 to \$395,000, and are awaiting one more quote. The construction of a new tanker truck will take approximately 2 years.

At City Hall, the carpets have been cleaned, and a flooring company has been contacted to fix the broken tiles. A roofing company was called out twice to fix a leak. The second time, they were unable to find any issues with the roof, but they did find cracking in the joints, which they believe is where the water is coming in. The clerks have been given the authority to hire temporary Election Judges. CDs have matured, and a motion was made to put the Fire Department, the Parks, and the Reserve CDs back into 6-month CDs, and to withdraw the Maintenance and General Fund CDs.

A Motion passed to apply for a Solar Grant on Public buildings. Resolution 24-5-13-3 was approved to up the City's Internal Controls Policy. Resolution 24-5-13-1 was approved for the Gambling permit for the Holdingford Fire Relief Association Ranger Raffle on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Holdingford Municipal Liquor Store.

### FILLING A POOL THIS SUMMER OR WATERING LAWNS AND GARDENS.... THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND.

In April, the City Council approved a Utility Sewer forgiveness policy to ensure fairness and equality for all Holdingford residents. The policy outlines guidelines for Pool Filling. To get your pool filled, it's best to reach out to the Fire Department. You can arrange a pool fill by contacting Keith Hommerding, the Fire Chief, at 320-290-0332. Alternatively, if you intend to fill the pool yourself, you can get in touch with the clerk's office for instructions on meter readings.

It's important to remember that the City will not grant sewer forgiveness for lawn or garden watering. However, if you expect to do a lot of watering, you can opt to buy a second meter through the city and have a licensed plumber install it. For this option, contact the clerks.

### INTERESTED IN BEING ON THE CITY COUNCIL

On the November ballot, there will be four City Council Seats; the Mayor's seat, (2) four-year term Council members seats, and (1) two-year term Council member seat. The filing period is from July 30<sup>th</sup> to August 13<sup>th</sup>, Candidates can file at City Hall, 420 Main Street, Holdingford, MN. Questions call the clerks at 320-746-2966.



# Upcoming Events

- On May 27<sup>th</sup> City Hall will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.
- City Council Meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm with a Work session scheduled for 6:00pm
- On June 19<sup>th</sup> City Hall will be closed in observance of Juneteenth
- Stearns County Hazardous Waste Collection, June 26<sup>th</sup> at the High School Parking Lot. The flyer is on the City's Website. <http://tinyurl.com/43w6bma2>



## Citizen's portal for utility bills

The Citizen's Portal on the City's website is available for residents to view account history and payment

information, make quick payments, easily enroll in auto-pay and E-billing, and update their account information, and more. Please note that there is a processing fee for using a credit/debit card of 2.75% and a flat fee of \$1.10 for using a bank account. If you need help with the Citizen's Portal, call the Clerks or visit City Hall, where we will gladly assist you in setting it up. Payments can also be dropped off with the clerks Monday-Thursday from 8 am to 4:30 pm, and on Friday from 8 am to noon, or in the water bill drop box located by the front doors of the City Center building at 420 Main Street.

<https://holdingfordmn.payacp.com/home>

## CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor:	Eric Berscheid <a href="mailto:eberscheid.council@holdingfordmn.us">eberscheid.council@holdingfordmn.us</a>
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Council Member	Tim Winter <a href="mailto:twinter.council@holdingfordmn.us">twinter.council@holdingfordmn.us</a>
Council Member	Andy Higgins <a href="mailto:ahiggins@holdingfordmn.us">ahiggins@holdingfordmn.us</a>

THE 2023 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT IS AVAILABLE ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE OR A PAPER COPY ARE AVAILABLE AT CITY HALL. <https://holdingfordmn.us/ccr2023>



## BECOME AN ELECTION JUDGE IN 2024

Becoming an election judge is a great way to learn about elections and is an opportunity to serve in your community! Consider Working an election this year. You must be eligible to vote in Minnesota and able to read, write, and speak English. Election Judges are paid \$14 per

hour. Judges are assigned to morning, afternoon, or all-day shifts and are required to take paid training. Elections are on August 13<sup>th</sup> and November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Contact the City Clerk's Office by phone at 320-746-2966 or email [clerk@holdingfordmn.us](mailto:clerk@holdingfordmn.us) to become an Election Judge.

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