

From City Hall –January Mayor’s Report

The Holidays are over and 2015 is here, ready or not!

There are new faces at City Hall, welcome to Eric Berscheid on the Council and Andy Bartkowicz, our new Maintenance Specialist. Next month, we will be appointing one more Council Member to take my vacated seat and the City Council will be complete.

Xcel **Energy** wrapped up Natural Gas construction for the year in mid-December. Over 280 homes were connected to this affordable heat source. There were 16.9 miles of main service pipe installed for the project. Restoration for the town is not over. It will start again in the spring. It is not too late for customers to sign up for a service, but installation will not happen until spring of 2015.

The City Council will be working on several projects in the upcoming months. We will be reviewing and updating city ordinances. We are looking at a grant that will allow us to build a new Bathroom/Storm Shelter at the Veteran’s Memorial Park. Also, we must **implement** our Wellhead Protection Plan.

One of our local Holdingford restaurants has closed its doors. It is a sad loss to Main Street and to the whole area when a business closes. As a community we need to support our local businesses. Shopping and buying in town means money stays in the area. Visit your downtown stores and use your local business people for services that you may need. Let’s **keep it local and help our businesses succeed.**

I will be available at city hall on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Mondays of the month from 5:30-7 pm and the 1st Saturday of the month from 8 am – 10 am. Stop in to visit or share ideas.

Respectively Submitted by
Mayor Sue Marstein