

From City Hall – September 2015

Our summer has gone by quickly and school is back in session. Slow down, drive carefully, look out for children walking to and from school and school buses picking up and dropping off children.

The council has completed work on the City of Holdingford preliminary budget for 2016. On the revenue side we should be getting about the same amount of Local Government Aid as last year from the state, which is a welcome help. Expenses for the city are continually increasing. The city is currently looking at replacing the city loader. Its age and amount of repairs it needs, means replacing it, which is better than sticking more money into it. As we went through each city department we carefully watched our city dollars. The final budget numbers will be set at the December council meeting.

The City has seen some criminal activity recently, the Muni, Liquor Store - has had its outside phone lines cut, and someone vandalized the Maintenance Departments outside gas tanks. Last fall we had a number of cars and garages being ransacked. Please report anything strange or unusual to the Stearns County Sheriff's Department.

The alley behind Stearns Bank, the Legion, Rough Riders, Everything Signs and the Credit Union will be getting new tar in the next few weeks. The increase in traffic use makes the update necessary.

A heartfelt thank you to all who helped in the upgrade of new cement outside the Fire Departments truck bays at city hall. The businesses and individuals that helped with this project are wonderful! Thank you so much. The old cement was severely cracked and rain water sat and snow iced up during the winter months. Now it looks awesome and will not be a hazard.

The Maintenance Department will be flushing lines in the next few weeks. Residents may experience low water pressure during the flushing. If the water from your taps looks discolored, let it run for a bit until it clears. Specific times of the flushing will be posted on the Marquee.

Remember your local businesses; support them by shopping in town. Buying local means money stays local and communities stay strong.

Thank you,

Respectfully Submitted

Sue Marstein, Mayor City of Holdingford