

MANAGER'S REPORT

October 1, 2012

Asst. City Manager Search

Finalists will be meeting with me, one-on-one, this week.

ELHS Committee

Meetings are progressing very well. The committee is hiring Harriman Associates to assist in planning. The current decision is to draft a matrix that summarizes the reports / options. Can city contribute towards \$60,000, I was thinking maybe \$10-\$20,000?

School Department

Mrs. Grondin and I met last week and have set a schedule to meet at least once a month. One item that I brought forward is my desire to enhance communication between the School Committee and the City Council. However, I am not certain if communications need improving, so we thought it best to ask both boards what information, if any, would facilitate communications?

Route 4

A flasher was installed due to the efforts of residents, Rep. Beauliea, and MDOT. Additionally, MDOT and the City have agreed to host a public informational meeting on October 24th at 6:00pm. This meeting will discuss an implementation plan based upon a consultant's review of prior reports from Turner to Mt. Auburn Ave on Route 4. MDOT may be restriping this corridor as well for turning areas, but all agree this is a very short time fix and more comprehensive plan needs to be adopted.

Marshalls Popcorn Truck

Early this summer I reviewed with staff the ability and cost to move the popcorn truck. At that time I denied the request due to safety, insurance, and an overall feeling that it was too expensive. I have a request for a fundraiser to restore the truck. I am inclined to allow but there is staff time and resources involved.

Staff researched the discussion from last spring and the Council is waiting to hear the cost of repairing. I was not aware of this request and staff will be addressing, but other priorities

Outlet Beach

Lake Auburn Watershed Protection Commission has agreed to do a "swim ability" study to the Beach. This is a great cooperative effort and will help the City identify the best ways to invest in the Beach area. The staff will be presenting and planning at a workshop in November different options on the CDBG

funds for the area and I would recommend we look at investments that would defer beach improvements until we get back the data on the water, however, we would invest in the park area?

Ingersoll

The City has leased the pro-shop to Blue Line Sporting Goods for 1 year, October to August.

Election Procedures

Although not brought up by the Council I feel it is important for the community to understand steps taken regarding elections. First, absentees begin in this building which restricts campaigning in or near this building.

Second, staff reviewed absentee balloting procedures and storage and the current system conforms to State Law. It had been suggested involve the Police Department and store absentee ballots in the police offices, but this is not consistent with State Law that requires ballots to remain in the custody of the Clerk's Office. Also the room used has strict access and creates a log of whom and when people enter.

Third, staff is reviewing and training more rigorously on ballot clerk procedures, including consideration of all elections utilizing electronic ballots.

Littlefield Bridge

The Water and Sewer District approached me regarding the Littlefield Bridge; this is a foot bridge adjacent to Hotel Road near the Martindale Street intersection. With the new bridge next summer they have a few reasons why it makes sense to relocate their line. In addition they don't want to maintain this bridge and are asking the City if would prefer to own it or is it agreeable for them to have it removed?

Transportation Planning

The resolve from LATC adopted by Lewiston is being delayed due to conversations with the City of Portland that would encompass an order engaging all three cities.

Open Items from Public

Request to support a U.S. Constitutional Amendment. I have had one request by a Councilor to workshop this and the earliest available appears to be the first meeting in November. Please note I am trying to keep a lighter schedule for that meeting due elections on Tuesday. Is this consensus of Council to workshop?

Clock for Council Chambers:

It was suggested recently to consider a clock for this room, Council Chambers. Bob Belz has found an appropriately sized clock and is working on if one can be installed that wouldn't rely on batteries.

Dates to Remember:

October 15th regular City Council Meetings.

October 22nd, at MMWAC, the recycling and energy committees were invited.

October 29th, this was going to be a meeting night but have some conflicts.

October 17th, is scheduled for a joint meeting with Lewiston.

November 5th and 19th are the Council Meeting nights.

December 1st for Goal Setting at CMCC 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. And I would suggest a facilitator? (We meet on the Dec. 3rd and 17th)