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UPCOMING MEETINGS

MARCH

City Council Meeting	Mar 2	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
Park Board OPEN HOUSE	Mar 5	6:00 p.m.	City Hall
Park Board Meeting	Mar 5	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
EDA Meeting	Mar 10	9:00 a.m.	City Hall
City Council Meeting	Mar 16	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
P&Z Meeting	Mar 24	7:00 p.m.	City Hall

APRIL

Park Board Meeting	Apr 2	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
City Council Meeting	Apr 6	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
EDA Meeting	Apr 14	9:00 a.m.	City Hall
City Council Meeting	Apr 20	7:00 p.m.	City Hall
P&Z Meeting	Apr 28	7:00 p.m.	City Hall



CLEARWATER CITY HALL

Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday

8:00 AM—4:30 PM

Fridays—CLOSED

Drop Boxes are located in the parking lot and in the front of City Hall building for your convenience

Sewer Authority Newsletter Report-

Attention Clearwater Residents and Business Owners- we need your help!

Our \$1.7 million dollar bonding request at the state capital is in full swing, and we are seeking your help in actively contacting Governor Dayton and his staff, encouraging him to include our Joint Sewer Authority bonding project in this year's spending bill.

The positives to this project are almost too many to list, (especially in print!). This is a well-orchestrated effort by the Sewer Authority to do everything possible to make this bonding request a reality; joint meetings and letters of support from Foley, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) support and endorsements, personal testimony at the St. Paul Capital from Mayor Goenner of Clear Lake and Mayor Edmonson of Clearwater, joint support and authored bills from the local legislators House Representative Newberger and Senator Brown, local testimony from Businesses, and expert engineering guidance from Donahue & Associates and our consultant Lobbyist.

This is where you come in- it is time to start contacting the Governor's Office. He does not have a conventional email address, instead it is a form. That works in our favor. For this to work, there are two easy steps.

- 1) Go to <http://mn.gov/governor/contact-us/form/> and fill that form out, using the topic "other"
- 2) Review the text and use it as an example, or edit it with any changes that fit your style or make any points we may have missed.

This information is also on our website @ <http://www.clearwatercity.com/>

Public Works Department

70,925,000 gallons of water pumped through the City of Clearwater's water towers in 2014.

47,307,696 gallons of sewage was pumped to the joint Clearwater/Clear Lake sewage plant in 2014.

The residents of the City of Clearwater recycled 137.60 tons in 2014.



Clearwater, MN Like us on Facebook to keep up-to-date on city information

Mark Your Calendars

City-Wide Clean-Up
Day will be
Saturday
April 25, 2015

City-Wide Garage Sale
Day will be
Saturday,
June 13, 2015



PARK BOARD - OPEN HOUSE
 March 5th 6:00 pm @ City Hall
 Showcasing designs for
 Lions and El Dorado Parks
 Discussing bid proposals, grants &
 1/2 percent sales tax

Curbside Brush Pile Pick-Up

- 1st Wednesday of the month
- Place large ends to curb for easy pick up
- No larger than 4 inch diameter
- Place piles at least 5 feet away from refuse/recycle containers



SITE IS OPEN

The 2015 Recycling calendar is available on the City's website or you can get a copy at City Hall.



Remember bins need to be curbside by 6 am, 5 feet from any other objects.

**City of Clearwater
 City Summary Budget Statement
 Governmental Funds 2015 Adopted Budget**

The purpose of this report is to provide summary 2015 budget information concerning the City of Clearwater to interested citizens. The budget is published in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Section 471.6965. This budget is in summary form; the complete budget may be examined at City Hall, 605 City Rd 75, Clearwater, MN 56320 or at www.clearwatercity.com
 The city council approved this budget on December 15th, 2014

Budgeted Governmental Funds (General)	2014 Original Budget	2015 Adopted
Revenues:		
Property Taxes	992,721	1,032,620
Special Assessments	61,763	38,320
All other taxes	176,650	192,233
Licenses and Permits	27,185	23,205
State General Purpose Aid	80,453	82,453
State Categorical Aid	-	-
Grants from County and Other LGA	-	-
Charges for Services	168,706	161,296
Fines and Forfeits	4,250	4,450
Interest on Investments	5,550	8,550
Miscellaneous	-	-
Other Financing Sources		
Proceeds from Borrowing	-	-
Transfers from Other Funds	133,770	40,966
Total Revenues	1,654,051	1,584,093
Expenditures:		
Current:		
General Government	291,824	290,377
Public Safety	343,204	352,859
Streets & Highways	189,943	191,258
Sanitation	-	-
Human Services	-	-
Culture & Recreation	66,092	83,770
Economic Development	51,147	52,205
Misc. Current Expenditures	1,600	500
Capital Outlay	305,900	330,000
Transfers to Other Funds	-	-
Total Current Expenditures	1,249,610	1,300,965
Debt Service - Principal	280,000	210,000
Interest and Fiscal Charges	19,095	14,615
Capital Outlay	-	-
Total Expenditures	1,548,705	1,525,613
Other Financing Uses		
Transfers to Other Funds	95,825	66,255
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	1,644,530	1,591,868
Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	9,521	(7,775)
Total Property Tax Levy - All Funds	1,013,784	914,869

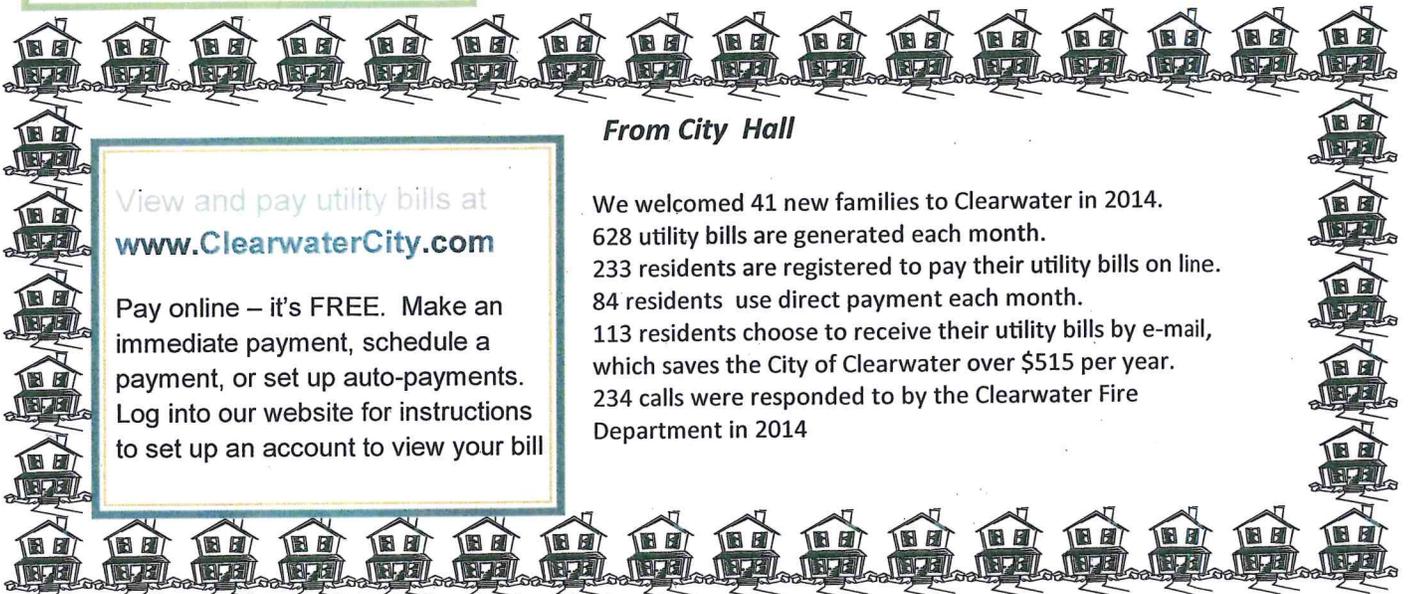
This document is also available on the city web-site

From City Hall

View and pay utility bills at
www.ClearwaterCity.com

Pay online – it's FREE. Make an immediate payment, schedule a payment, or set up auto-payments. Log into our website for instructions to set up an account to view your bill

We welcomed 41 new families to Clearwater in 2014.
 628 utility bills are generated each month.
 233 residents are registered to pay their utility bills on line.
 84 residents use direct payment each month.
 113 residents choose to receive their utility bills by e-mail, which saves the City of Clearwater over \$515 per year.
 234 calls were responded to by the Clearwater Fire Department in 2014





Mayor's Year-End Report

Hello fellow residents,

Happy New Year! 2013 and 2014 certainly went by fast, and was filled with lots of change. A quick 'Thank You' to Councilmember Cory Broich, who was appointed to the council in April 2013 and served out the remaining term that ended in December. Also, if you get a moment, extend a warm welcome to our newest councilmember Rollie Lang who was elected in November. We've had a couple of council meetings under our belt already this year, and we encourage you to visit our city website and Facebook page, and city hall, to stay abreast on what we've been up to.



A couple of things to highlight from 2014-

Solar Project- Constructed in 2014, it is almost fully operational. Soon we all will be able to monitor our energy savings from a link on the city website.

Park Board- The board was busy putting together multiple park design projects in 2014 to give our existing parks a much-needed facelift. Grants have been applied for to help extend our half-cent sales tax buying power, and an open house is being planned in early spring to show off their recommendations and park design renderings.

Sewer Authority- The joint sewer authority has applied for a grant bonding request of \$1.7 million dollars, to pay for significant sewer plant upgrades. These will help lower operating costs, both now and in the future, as regulations change and our capacity grows, without increasing rates. We will learn of the outcome of our request as early as May.

Streets- As our city grows, and as our infrastructure gets older, your council is committed to taking the steps necessary to insure that our streets and water/sewer systems are up to date and working properly. This planning and budgeting was started by previous city councils going back many years, and will continue with this current council, as we budget and save money for current and future street projects. The NE Street Project was approved in 2014, and will start this spring and is scheduled to end by early fall.

Some 2015 items to be aware of:

Economic Growth—Our Economic Development Authority (EDA) will again be focusing on ways to market Clearwater. One of their biggest tools is the continuation of our Growth Incentive Program- which offers incentives for new residential homes, new businesses, and existing commercial lease space.

Businesses and residents will notice lower water and sewer rates, and an overall lower tax burden this year. Council and staff have continued to work on current and future budgeting needs and have made strategic financial decisions to wisely use excess city reserves and Local Government Aid (LGA).

2015 is going to be a great year for our city, with more great community events planned and more chances to get out and enjoy all that Clearwater has to offer.

Please feel free to connect with myself or any of your councilmembers in any of the following ways: attend our city council meetings, join or attend a committee to share your opinions and new ideas, or connect with myself or any of the other city council members through phone or email to let us know what you think of our decisions.

Wishing you a Happy New Year!

Mayor Edmonson