

Mayor's Minute – March 2012

The city council has approved moving forward with the refinancing of the city debt and agreed to contract with Specialized Public Finance Inc. on this matter. We will set dates at the next council meeting for two public meetings to discuss this. These are important meetings and I encourage you to attend. We'll discuss the financing as well as the projects that will be undertaken by the sell of certificates of obligation. These bonds will fund Water and Sewer projects (sewer plant addition and upgrade some water/sewer pipes in the city. As stated before, with securing a lower interest rate and extending our note payments an additional 10 years there would be no increased property tax for these much needed projects.

We passed the new employee manual which was in need of an update and are working on updating the "peddlers" ordinance. Every company/person selling items or services should be registered with the city and if approved the new ordinance will allow you to be placed on a "do not disturb" list which would prevent salesmen from coming to your house and trying to sell you something. We have had many complaints from citizens regarding this matter.

We agreed fund repair work at the water well on the North side of town. Due to trash and debris in the well it's out of order and if all goes as plans this trash would be removed and the well would be refurbished allowing additional supply of water to the community.

I had the opportunity to participate in the Mayor's March on Meals a couple of weeks ago. Went around with Kuby and delivered meals. Sure enjoyed it and want to encourage anyone interested to get involved in this program. Meals on Wheels is a valuable service to this community and along with providing meals also is a way to check in with the elderly homebound citizens in the community. To get involved contact Lana Donaghe at 254-299-7691. For all who are involved with this program I thank you for your service to the community.

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Although the City Museum is still on the drawing board (upstairs of city Hall) the city did take possession of its first museum pieces. Cindy Hobbs donated the original sausage stuffer which hung on the wall of Nemecek's for many years as well as the large (and I might add very, very

heavy) safe which was used in the office. As Mayor I took it upon myself to agree to this donation since this safe is the original safe used by Thomas West in the early days of West. The safe is a treasure that I did not want to get away and holds much history. Now we just have to figure out how to get that thing upstairs when the museum is complete!!! I'll talk to the council and for now I think the best place will be

in the downstairs hallway of city hall. Town Hall meeting set for April 24th at Community Center regarding the museum. Need everyone's support and ideas so make plans to attend if possible.

We have had some water pipes break lately... I know it's an inconvenience however want to thank the city employees for their late nights and weekends spent getting water flowing...they do a great job getting water turned back on as quick as possible.