

So what is the City working on in 2018? We get that question from time to time, so we wanted to share with you what we will be working on for the next year or so. Besides the daily routine of processing invoices, utility bills, ambulance bills, various permits, elections, cemetery matters, audits, various reports and other state and federal imposed requirements, as well as numerous questions on a wide range of topics. Besides these items, we try to get some things done that we hope will lead to a better City! Recently, the Council approved a list of goals that will be our focus during the next year. Here, in summary and in no particular priority, are what they are:

- 1. Have contracts approved for Coal Dock Project, complete final engineering, award construction contracts and complete project.** Since the City was successful in obtaining a grant for this project, we now have to get it done. We are just waiting for all the paperwork before we get started!
- 2. Award contracts in the Pier 3 Electrical, Water, and Decking project at the marina and provide the construction oversight for the project.** This project has now been awarded and will be completed next winter. It will improve the safety of the pier along with upgrading worn out infrastructure.
- 3. Have the Invasive Reed (Pragmites) Replacement Project completed this summer and monitor financial commitments with the Red Cliff Tribe.** This is an opportunity to receive funding to comply with a DNR mandate to replace a plant that is used in the sewage treatment process. On our own, this project would have cost approximately \$750,000.
- 4. Pursue plans for dock/seawall replacement at West End Park along with establishment of a yurt.** We know that the docks and shoreline at Thompson's West End Park are in bad shape. Now that the financing for the Coal Dock has pretty much been resolved, we can turn our focus onto this project to repair and enhance this asset of the City. We are also looking for ways to add features and increase revenue for the City, and putting up a yurt is one of those ideas.
- 5. Continue ushering through issues related to the development of properties, and specifically pursue finding opportunities for sewer line replacement for the Iron Works, and working through athletic field usage and maintenance issues.** If you have not heard, there are a lot of private projects planned in the City starting in 2018. We hope this will help to increase our tax base in order to help pay for all of the services and amenities that our residents expect. There is a lot of work to do on some of these projects to make them happen.
- 6. Continue to pursue marketing of the Bayfield Street Development Property with the hopes of selling it within the next year.** We realize that many people question the decision to purchase the property formerly known as the "Brokedown Palace." We have been marketing this property and have had some good interest. Our goal is to get it into the hands of someone who will dramatically increase the value of the property. This will help the community in multiple ways, and we encourage our citizens to help us with that goal.

7. **Have the Department of Public Works begin internal planning on the replacement of water and sewer lines under Bayfield Street. This would be preliminary planning to see what would be involved in such a project. Once we would have a preliminary plan of the actual work that would need to be done, a community discussion of how such a project would happen needs to occur.** There are no plans to tear up Bayfield Street at this time, but we need to plan for the day when that does happen. The utilities under that street are in bad shape.
8. **Continue the implementation of the new zoning code which will require reconciliation with some other codes, a review of forms, fees, processes, records, and a renewed effort on code enforcement.** This was a big project that was implemented last year, and we still have a ways to go on it. We continue to try to improve the zoning/permitting processes in the City.
9. **Complete all budgeted projects for 2018, and prepare the budget for 2019 with a more detailed capital plan.** We have already begun the 2018 projects, and by early summer, we will start thinking hard about 2019.

This is not everything that we will be working on, but it is a listing of the major projects known at this time. Let us know what you think. Follow along the next couple months and see how we do.