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Public Meetings Next Week

- Special City Council Meeting Tuesday, January 5 6:00PM
- City Council Meeting Tuesday, January 5 7:00PM



City Agendas and Minutes

*Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and the State of Emergency the City will be conducting the City Council meeting and public hearings telephonically or by other means. The City Council Chambers will not be open to the public. The City will be broadcasting the meeting via our normal link on the City website.

Visit our website



City Offices Closed to the Public

City Offices will be closed to the public starting November 16th in order to reduce the risk of the Coronavirus. Staff will still be available by phone or email. A full list of staff contacts is available [here](#).

Tuesday, January 5 Special City Council Meeting Agenda



NOTICE OF MEETING
City Council Special Meeting
Tuesday, January 5, 2021 6:00 P.M.
City of Lake Elmo | 3800 Laverne Avenue North
AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

C. PLANNING COMMISSION INTERVIEWS

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| 1) JIM ALDINGER | 6:00PM |
| 2) JORDAN GRAEN | 6:15PM |
| 3) ANN BUCHECK | 6:30PM |

D. ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING

[Meeting Materials May Be Accessed Here](#)

Tuesday, January 5th City Council Meeting Agenda



NOTICE OF MEETING

City Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 5, 2021 7:00 P.M.

City of Lake Elmo | 3800 Laverne Avenue North

AGENDA

A. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

B. Approval of Agenda

C. Approval of Minutes

1. December 15, 2020

D. Consent Agenda

2. Approve Payment of Disbursements and Payroll
3. Designate Official Depositories of Funds-*Resolution 2021-001*
4. Designate Official Publication Newspaper of Record – *Resolution 2021-002*
5. Adopt Resolution Designating Data Practice Officials and Approving City's Data Practice Policy - *Resolution 2021-003*
6. Approve Massage Therapy License Renewal for Roxane Fogard
7. Approve Massage Therapy License for Vincent Letourneau
8. Approve Washington Conservation District 2021 Rain Garden Maintenance Agreement
9. Approve Zoning Code Clean Up Ordinance Amendments – *Resolution 2021-004*
10. Accept Resignation of Utility Billing Clerk
11. Approve Hire of Finance Director
12. Accept Resignation of Paid on Call Firefighters
13. Approve Contract with AET for Geotechnical Services for City Hall Improvements
14. Designate Authority for EFT Payments – *Resolution 2021-005*
15. Approve the Release of Warranty Security for the Royal Golf Club 2nd Addition.
16. Approve the Release of Warranty Security for the Southwind of Lake Elmo.
17. Accept Improvements and Approve Security Reduction for Legacy at North Star 1st Addition.
18. Approve Security Reduction for Legacy at North Star 3rd Addition.
19. Approve Compensating Change Order No. 3 for the 2020 Mill and Overlay Project.
20. Approve Pay Request No. 4 (FINAL) for the 2020 Mill and Overlay Project
21. Appoint City Attorney (Civil and Prosecution)
22. Appoint City Engineer

E. Regular Agenda

23. Appoint 2021 Acting Mayor
24. Appoint Required Officials to Fire Relief Association Board of Trustees
25. Ramsey Washington Cable Commission Appointment – *Resolution 2021-006*
26. Council Representative Appointments to EDA
27. Council School Liaison Appointment
28. Planning Commission Appointments
29. 2021 Planning Commission Work Plan
30. 2021 Parks Commission Work Plan

F. Adjourn

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- To access the meeting via GoToWebinar: Use www.gotomeeting.com and select "join". Enter webinar ID 456-620-587
- To access the meeting via telephone: Call +1 (415) 655-0060, when prompted enter access code 388-347-273

[Meeting materials can be accessed here.](#)

City Offices Closed for New Years Day

City offices will be closed Friday, January 1st in observance of New Years Day



The City of Lake Elmo is Accepting Applications for Economic Development Authority Board Members

The City of Lake Elmo is experiencing an exciting time of community growth. The City is fortunate to have active and involved residents on its commissions providing valuable input for future projects and growth. The City's number one value statement is to foster an environment based on trust and ethics. These philosophies and practices help in the City in recruiting and retaining exceptional community servants in this capacity.

If you are interested in serving the community in this capacity, please contact City Hall at 651-747-3900 for an application form. The application form is also available [here](#).

Temporary Rate Discount for Small and Mid Sized Businesses from Xcel Energy

If your business has experienced a material impact from the pandemic, along with an electric load decrease of 25% or more in electric demand as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic or civil unrest, you may be eligible for a temporary 25% discount on base energy and demand charges.

[Information Available Here](#)



Winter Parking Ordinance Now In Effect

The Winter parking ordinance prohibits parking on Lake Elmo Streets from November 1 through March 31 between 2:00AM and 7:00AM. Public Works cannot clear roadways with cars blocking the path.



Lions Park Ice Rink Open



The Lions Park Ice Rink and pleasure rink are open to the public. The warming house is not open, and there are no staffed attendants. Due to the Governor's orders rink capacity is limited to 15 persons.

Ice condition is currently: FAIR



Buckthorn Burning January 4th

City crews will burn buckthorn in Sunfish Lake Park on Monday, January 4th.

If you have any questions about the buckthorn burn please contact Public Works at 651-747-3940

Water Updates

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency announced that several metro water bodies have new protective water and fish consumption values for PFOS. The target waters include Lake Elmo, Raleigh Creek, Eagle Point Lake, Horseshoe Lake and Tartan Pond. Because of the Values of PFOS found in fish in these waters, the Minnesota Department of Health is extending "do not eat" fish consumption advice to these bodies of water. More information can be found [here](#).

Fish Consumption Advisory CATCH & RELEASE FISHING

Do not eat fish from Raleigh Creek and all bodies of water in Lake Elmo Park Reserve.

Based on updated testing, MN Department of Health (MDH) has issued a fish consumption advisory for these waters due to high levels of Perfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS).

Swimming and wading are NOT affected:

- MDH has determined that exposure to PFAS through swimming or wading is not a concern, though people and pets should avoid contact with visible foam on surface waters in this area.
- If you or your pets come into contact with foam, wash thoroughly with soap and water.
- If you were following previous MDH guidelines for eating fish from Lake Elmo or nearby water bodies, your risk of health effects from PFAS would be minimal.

Questions?

MN Department of Health (800) 657-3908
DNR Area Fisheries Office (651) 259-5831



Department of Natural Resources
Department of Health



3M East Metro Settlement Updates



Well sampling in the east metro area

If you live in the area that is a priority for testing, you can request that your private well water be tested.

- To see if you live in the priority sampling area, use the [interactive map](#).
- If you live in the priority sampling area, you can request to have your well tested by filling out and [submitting this online form](#).

More information about the priority testing area is available on theWell sampling in the [East Metro Area webpage](#).

Water Conservation Rebate Program

The City of Lake Elmo, in partnership with the Metropolitan Council, is offering a rebate program for purchases of eligible WaterSense toilets and Smart Irrigation Controllers. Qualifying purchases are eligible for up to a \$200 credit on your water bill.

[Program Details Available Here](#)



Washington County Library branches are open for express service.



- Pick up holds • Browse materials
- Use computers for 1 hour or less
- Schedule curbside pickup



Washington County Library branches are currently open for Express Service. Visit the library during reduced hours to browse materials, pick up holds, and use a computer for up to one hour.

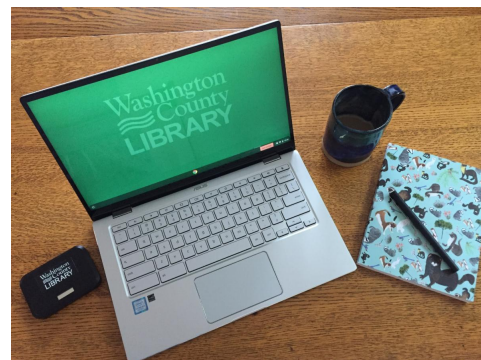
Curbside service is also available for community members who cannot enter our buildings.

To limit personal contact and follow social distancing guidelines, meeting rooms are currently closed and seating within the library has been removed. Learn how we're keeping the library safe

for everyone at WashCoLib.org/COVID19.



This year, Lake Elmo's annual gingerbread-house building party is moving to your house! Our take-home kits include all the supplies you need to craft a mini-village of four gingerbread houses, plus plates for display and some extra goodies to



Washington County Library now has mobile hotspots and Chromebooks available to check out. Get internet at home or on the go (for free!). Devices can be checked out for one month at a time, and can be renewed three times if there are no other holds. You only need a library card registered in Washington County to borrow a device.

decorate your creations or munch on while you work. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Lake Elmo Library.

Registration is required. Kits will be available to pick up at Lake Elmo Library beginning Tuesday, December 8. Please register online at WashCoLib.org/Events

More information is available at WashCoLib.org/devices.

Practice Smart Salting This Winter to Protect our Water

1. Shovel first
2. Use less - 12oz of salt melts 10 sidewalk squares, or a 20ft driveway
3. Don't use salt when it's below 15 degrees
4. Sweep up and reuse leftovers
5. Drive slow and wear boots!

PROTECT OUR WATER FROM SALT POLLUTION

WEAR BOOTS

When it is snowy and icy, wear boots or shoes with good traction to avoid falling.

Consider buying Yaktrax or winter cleats.



The City of Lake Elmo is accepting applications for multiple positions:

- Building Official
- Paid-on-Call Firefighters

Job postings and application materials can be found [here](#).



Guided Bird Hikes Continue January 16

A rotating schedule of bird hikes throughout Washing County Parks will continue with a hike 9a.m. to 10:30am.a Saturday, January 16 at Lake Elmo Park Reserve.

[More Information Available Here](#)

Public Facilities Project Update

At the December 15th meeting the City Council approved agreements with Leo A Daly and H+U Construction for the design and construction of a colocated City Hall and Fire Station, as well as an addition to the Public Works facility. As progress is made we will be sending out frequent updates to residents using our website, social media, and newsletters.



