

COUNCIL'S CORNER



March 1, 2021: City Council Actions & Updates

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Minnetrista is Awarded the 2019 CAFR Award for Excellence

Each year, cities have the opportunity to submit their financials to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) to be reviewed for the Excellence in Financial Reporting Award. GFOA awards these certificates to cities whose annual reports achieve the highest standards in government accounting and financial reporting.

The City of Minnetrista has received this award since 2004 and plans to submit the 2020 finance report again once it is complete. The City has met the high standards of the program and achieved the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and finance reporting.

Congratulations and thanks go to Finance Director Brian Grimm, Associate Accountant Angie Boll, and Utility Billing Specialist Dawn Motzko for all of their hard work in achieving this award once again.

The City of Minnetrista will deliver quality services in a cost effective and innovative manner and provide opportunities for a high quality of life while protecting natural resources and maintaining a rural character, while effectively managing growth.

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Mayor's Message

Beginning in 2020, Mayor Whalen introduced the [Mayor's Blog](#) in an effort to increase communication between the City and its residents. She updates residents about City issues that the Council have discussed and issues that may be of interest to you. To keep up to date please visit the

Equipment Purchases for Lisle Park

In 2020, a picnic shelter for Lisle Park was approved by the City Council, and the shelter was completed in December 2020. Because of the late finish date, some landscaping work around the new shelter needs to be completed this spring.

At the March 1 Council meeting, the purchase of four picnic tables and two trash receptacles for the shelter were approved. For the existing tennis court at Lisle Park, a bike rack and a seating bench were also approved by the Council. Minnesota-Wisconsin Playground was awarded the equipment quote for \$5,617, and all equipment will be installed late spring or early summer.

Fourth Quarter / 2020 Year End Financials

Preliminary (unaudited) 2020 year-end budget information was presented to the Council by Finance Director Brian Grimm. The 2020 financial audit will begin in March, and the outcome of the audit will be presented to the Council later this spring.

Preliminary revenues ended up at 114% (about \$717,000 better) than anticipated. The increased revenue was due to the federal CARES money (\$579,000) with the balance of the increase due to a higher than expected revenue stream for building permit activity. Expenditures ended up at just under 98% (about \$122,000 less) in comparison to 2020 budgeted general fund expenditures.

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