

# COUNCIL'S CORNER



September 8, 2020: City Council Actions & Updates

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## 2021 Budget Process

The City Council and Department Managers discussed the 2021 budget at Council Work Sessions on August 3 and August 17. The Preliminary Tax Levy was brought before the City Council at the September 8 City Council meeting, where it was approved by a 5-0 vote. Preliminary levy's must be certified by the end of September to Hennepin County. The levy, once certified, cannot be increased, only decreased between now and December.

A preliminary levy of \$5,097,602 was passed. Once fiscal disparities are calculated, it amounts to a net levy increase of \$133,651 over the 2020 budget, only a +2.78% overall increase.

Overall, the tax impacts for Minnetrista residential property owners should be a slight increase in the City portion of your 2021 property taxes. Please see the table to the right :

Tax Impact: Assuming a 4.0% valuation increase, based on a levy increase of 2.78% with 3.4% growth in the City, using a projected tax rate of 23.37%

2020 Property Value	2021 Property Value	2020 Tax Amount	2021 Tax Amount	Difference
\$350,000	\$364,000	\$866	\$851	-\$15
\$500,000	\$520,000	\$1,237	\$1,227	-\$10
\$750,000	\$780,000	\$2,010	\$1,986	-\$24

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.

## Project and Construction Actions and Updates

**Woodland Cove -Second Amendment to Master Development Agreement:** At the August 17, 2020 City Council meeting, the Council discussed a PUD adjustment for Woodland Cove LLC for a modification to the Shoreland Preservation Easement and a Riparian View Shed setback. The Council approved this second amendment to the Master Development Agreement for Woodland Cove.

**Woodland Cove-Accept Improvements:** Woodland Cove 2nd Addition has been substantially completed since the fall of 2017. In fall of 2019, City Staff reached out to the developer to process project acceptance. The developer has now completed the remaining punch list items for the public improvements for Woodland Cove 2nd Addition and the work completed is satisfactory and accepted as a public improvement.

**Awarding Services Agreement:** The City of Minnetrista owns 20 sanitary sewer lift stations that need cleaning two times per year in addition to approximately 196,000 lineal feet of City owned sanitary sewer lined that needs to be cleaned by high pressure water jetting. The City received four quotes for these services and the lowest overall quote for the next two years was Overline & Son, Inc. The Council approved an agreement with Overline & Son, Inc. for sanitary sewer lift station cleaning and the sanitary sewer line jetting services for 2021 (\$57,414.14) and 2022 (\$42,386.36.)

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## Mayor Whalen's Blog

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

## 2020 General Elections Update

**Absentee Voting:** Absentee voting for the 2020 General Election begins September 18, 2020 from 8:00am-4:00pm at City Hall. In-person absentee voting hours will be Monday-Friday from 8:00am-4:00pm with the following exceptions:

- Saturday October 31, 2020-City Offices are open extended hours from 10:00am-3:00pm for the purpose of in person absentee voting
- Monday November 2, 2020- City Offices are open extended hours from 8:00am-5:00pm for the purpose of in person absentee voting.

**General Election:** The 2020 General Election is Tuesday November 3, 2020 from 7:00am- 8:00pm at your polling locations. To find your polling location [click here](#).

Visit the City's [Elections Page](#) for more information.

## End Local Emergency Order

At the Council meeting on March 23, 2020, Mayor Whalen declared a local state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. After many discussions, the City Council unanimously approved a resolution terminating the local state of emergency on September 8, 2020 effective August 17, 2020.

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