



## HOLDINGFORD FIREFIGHTERS RELIEF ASSOCIATION BREAKFAST

Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>

8:00am – 12:30pm

Holdingford City Center

Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Ham, Hash Browns & Caramel Rolls

Free Will Donation



## JANUARY 8TH CITY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- A Public Hearing was held for the Municipal Liquor Store, the hearing was required due to fiscal loss in 2 of the last 3 audit years (2020-2022).
- Late penalties were removed and a payment plan was approved for a resident's utility account, who had a leaky toilet while on vacation.
- Resolution 1-01-08-23 was approved, appointing annual designations and 2024 Schedule of fees. The schedule of fees includes an increase in Utility Rates. Residents will see the increase on February's Bill.

Utility Rate Change Effective February 1, 2024	Current Rate	New Rate
Water Base (for the 1 <sup>st</sup> 1000 Gallons)	\$14.00	\$14.50
Sewer Base (for the 1 <sup>st</sup> 1000 Gallons)	\$18.00	\$19.00
Sewer per gallon (after the 1 <sup>st</sup> 1000 Gallons)	\$0.013	\$0.014
Sewer Base for Schools and Churches	\$29.00	\$30.00
Sewer per gallon (after the 1 <sup>st</sup> 1000 Gallons)	\$0.015	\$0.016

**\*\*All rates not listed will remain the same, only the above are changing\*\***

- Maintenance reported submitting yearly reports to Homeland Security Emergency Management, working on testing for Copper and Lead for MDH, repaired minor snow plow issues, jetted underground pipes, and completed minor repairs at the Muni & City Hall.
- The City Engineer is still searching for alternate funding sources for the lift station replacement. He is continuing work with the Well Head Protection Plan on finding an additional well for the city.
- The Fire Department yearly calendars have been mailed out. They will begin the first responder's refresher courses. The City Council approved the State Public Safety Aid in the amount of \$32,601, to be used to replace radios.
- The Clerks reported election training is underway. End of Year documents and reports are being worked on. Most residents have renewed dog tags for 2024-2025, residents who have not renewed dog tags will see a late notice included with the next utility bill.
- The Lions Club requested donations to help with the installation of lighting of the "Welcome to Holdingford Sign" on County Road 9.

Full Meeting Minutes can be found on the City Website <https://holdingfordmn.us/minutes>



## BECOME AN ELECTION JUDGE IN 2024

Becoming an election judge is a great way to learn about elections

and is an opportunity to serve in your community! Consider Working an election this year. You must be eligible to vote in Minnesota and able to read, write, and speak English. Election Judges are paid \$10 per hour. Judges are assigned to morning, afternoon, or all day shifts and are required to take paid training. Elections are March 5<sup>th</sup>, August 13<sup>th</sup> and November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Contact City Clerk's Office by phone at 320-746-2966 or email [clerk@holdingfordmn.us](mailto:clerk@holdingfordmn.us) to become an Election Judge.



## CITIZEN'S PORTAL FOR UTILITY BILLS



The Citizen's Portal on the City's Website is available for residents to; View Account History, Payment Information, Make Quick payments, easily enroll in Auto Pay, E-billing, Ability to update your account information, and so much more.

Please note there is a processing fee for using a Credit/Debit card of 2.75% and a flat fee of \$1.10 for using a bank account.

If you need help with Citizen's Portal call the clerks or stop down to City Hall, we will gladly help you through setting this up.

Payments can also be dropped off with the clerks Monday-Thursday 8am-4:30pm, Friday 8am-noon; or in the water bill drop box, by the front doors to the City Center building at 420 Main Street.

<https://holdingfordmn.payacp.com/home>

## LOOKING AHEAD

- City Council Meeting, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm
- City Hall will be closed February 19<sup>th</sup> in observance of Presidents' Day
- Fire Relief Association Breakfast, March 10<sup>th</sup>, details to come at a later date.
- City Wide Clean Up is scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup>, detail to come at a later date.
- Stearns County Hazardous Waste Collection, June 26<sup>th</sup> at the High School Parking Lot. Flyer is on the City's Website.

<http://tinyurl.com/43w6bma2>

## CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor:	Eric Berscheid <a href="mailto:egerscheid.council@holdingfordmn.us">egerscheid.council@holdingfordmn.us</a>
Council Member	Seth Young <a href="mailto:syoung.council@holdingfordmn.us">syoung.council@holdingfordmn.us</a>
Council Member	Jayme Opatz <a href="mailto:jopatz@holdingfordmn.us">jopatz@holdingfordmn.us</a>
Council Member	Tim Winter <a href="mailto:twinter.council@holdingfordmn.us">twinter.council@holdingfordmn.us</a>
Council Member	Andy Higgins <a href="mailto:ahiggins@holdingfordmn.us">ahiggins@holdingfordmn.us</a>

## WINTER PARKING IS IN EFFECT FROM NOVEMBER 1ST TO APRIL 1ST

- The full parking Regulations Ordinance can be found on the City's Website at: <https://tinyurl.com/md2vc8t>
- If you have questions contact the clerks at 320-746-2966 or by email at: [clerk@holdingfordmn.us](mailto:clerk@holdingfordmn.us)



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