



June meetings

City Commission, June 3 and 17, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

School Board, June 2 and 16, 5:30 p.m., City Hall

Park Board, June 9, 4:30 p.m., City Hall

County Commission, June 9 and 24, 5:30 p.m., Morton County Courthouse

City Planning and Zoning Commission, June 23, 5:15 p.m., City Hall

New utility billing system to go online May 7

The City's new utility billing and payment system is scheduled to go online May 7. The new system will make it possible for customers to view water bills online, see current balances, and make payments or set up auto payments. Customers will be able to opt out of paper bills. After May, 7, visit www.cityofmandan.com to check it out. An e-mail and better online newsletter option is also in the planning pipeline.

ACHIEVEMENT Mandan High among nation's best



U.S. News and World Reports ranks Mandan High School among the best high schools in the nation. Twenty-nine high schools in North Dakota received bronze recognition. The other Class A High School recognized is Grand Forks Central. Test results and academic performance of disadvantaged students are among main factors considered.

County home rule charter, jail, local leadership positions on June 10 ballot

Morton County residents have an opportunity to vote in the June 10 election on a home rule charter for the county that would allow a local sales tax with voter approval. The next question is about authorizing a one-half of a percent (0.5%) sales and use tax throughout the county to fund construction of a joint detention center with Burleigh County and a remodel of existing Morton County detention space. If approved, the sales tax would take effect Oct. 1, 2014, and terminate upon final payment of construction bonds for the project. A video of a public information session on the topic is posted at www.co.morton.nd.us.

Local leadership positions

Most county positions are uncontested, but voters may write in the name of candidates on the ballot. Positions with contests and/or local taxing authority are as follows:

É Sheriff (1) – Dave Shipman or Kyle Kirchmeier;

É County Commission (2) – Elwood Barth, James Boehm, Andrew Zachmeier

É City Commission (2) – Shauna Laber, Dennis Rohr

É Park Board (3) – Jason Arenz, Miles Mehlhoff, Chad Hatzenbuehler, Ann Keller

É School Board At-Large (3) – Bob Klemisch, Marnie Butcher Piehl, Jay Volk; and School Board At-Large Rural Unexpired 1-Year Term (1) – Sheldon Wolf

Voting dates and hours

Residents may vote early at the Morton County Courthouse, 210 Second Avenue NW, on June 3, noon to 6 p.m.; June 4-6, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and June 9, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. June 10 poll hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. For polling locations, see the Election Information tab at www.co.morton.nd.us. Absentee ballot applications are also available on the county website or at the County Auditor's office.

One street improvement project shelved, two move forward

At its April 15 meeting, the Mandan City Commission received a report that 53 percent of property owners were opposed to a street resurfacing project in a proposed improvement district of Developers West, Crown Point and Ventures additions. The Commission voted to shelve the project.

Property owners in Roughriders were generally supportive of street improvement work for their addition, but opposed the street light portion. The Commission approved the project minus the streetlights. Reconstruction of major streets in the Mandan Industrial Park is also moving forward. Owners of 47 percent of the property in the district opposed the project, falling short of the 50 percent threshold.

The proposed projects are for areas where the pavement surface was predominantly rated as "degraded" or "unsatisfactory" by MicroPAVER analysis conducted by Dynatest in 2012. If project bids are approved, actual assessments will be dependent upon final construction costs and recommendations of the Special Assessment Commission. For more information, please contact the City Planning and Engineering office at 667-3225.





"WHERE THE WEST BEGINS"

Fire hydrant flushing planned

The Public Works utility division will be flushing fire hydrants in May and potentially into June depending upon weather. Crews will begin flushing in the northwest section of the city and finish in the southeast portion.

Fire hydrants are flushed in the spring and fall to make sure they are working properly and to maintain the quality of the water supply by flushing out any sediment and rust and bringing fresh water into the ends of distribution lines. If you have questions, please call 667-3240.

Curbside recycling may come with contractor interest in future

Residents are asking when Mandan will adopt a curbside recycling program. The City of Bismarck recently implemented the system. Waste Management, the primary local contractor, previously indicated to Mandan officials that the company wants to have the program operational in Bismarck for at least 6 months before looking at adding Mandan. Public Works Director Jeff Wright will monitor the situation and report to the City Commission in coming months. Mandan currently has limited recycling services with bins for newspapers and cardboard at the dog park located at 810 Eighth Avenue SE.

WATCH FOR APPOINTMENT LETTERS

Water meter replacement beginning in June

The company responsible for the installation portion of the City of Mandan's water meter upgrade and replacement project, Total Backflow Resources, Inc., will begin the first round of installation appointments in mid-June. The property owners who are scheduled for June installations will be informed of their appointment times via letters sent in late May. If the time slot designated for you does not fit with your schedule, you are asked to contact Total Backflow Resources, Inc. at the number provided in the letter to change your appointment.

Photos of the installation technicians will be posted in the Announcements section of the City's website, www.cityofmandan.com, before the installations begin. Every technician hired to install water meters in private properties for this project is required to pass a background check by an independent third party as well as the City of Mandan.

The water meter project will impact nearly all of the 6,600 water meters in the city, and the City of Mandan requests your cooperation to help the project run as smoothly as possible. The project is scheduled to be completed in January 2015. If you have questions, please contact Water Meter Maintenance Supervisor Jay Perkins, cell 220-0825.

ON-LINE POLL RESULTS

Majority of respondents haven't ridden a CAT bus

April's on-line poll focused on public transportation. There were 61 respondents to the primary question, "Has any member of your household used the Capital Area Transit (CAT) bus or paratransit system in the last two years?" Eighty-two percent of respondents had not used either option. Ten percent used the bus and 5 percent used the paratransit system's door-to-door transportation for people over age 60 or with disabilities.

Of the 10 respondents who had used one of the options, service ratings were 20 percent "excellent," 60 percent "good," 10% "fair," and 10% poor.

Among those who had not used CAT public transportation, 61 percent indicated their reason being that they "prefer to drive, bike or walk." Twenty-seven percent said the routes don't go where needed and 12% said the cited inconvenient bus times.

For information about public transit services, visit www.bismantransit.com or call 258-6817. The City of Mandan annually levies 2 mills of property tax for Capital Area Transit.

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Cemetery	667-6044
Engineering, Planning & Zoning	667-3225
Finance	667-3213
Fire	667-3288
Human Resources	667-3217
Landfill	667-0184
Library	667-5365
Municipal Court	667-3270
Police	667-3250
Public Works	667-3240
Special Assessments	667-3271
Utility Billing	667-3219
Waste Water Treatment	667-3278
Water Treatment	667-3275

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QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What prompted you to choose Mandan for your residence?

Visit www.cityofmandan.com by May 31 to respond.