

## CMBA Cities/Counties Update 8-10-21

**NOTE:** *The State of Minnesota has ended COVID-19 masking and distancing mandates. However, some city councils, planning commissions and county boards may still have their own restrictions or requirements, especially with the increased spread of the Delta variant. Check the respective city or county websites for instructions on how to participate in public hearings and other opportunities for public input. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact CMBA Government Affairs Consultant, Steve Gottwalt, [steve@cmbaonline.org](mailto:steve@cmbaonline.org), 952-923-5265.*

### ST. CLOUD:

June 7, City Council –

- Approved: Reappointment of Emil Raidich and Dick Andzeng to the city's Zoning Board of Appeals (through April, 2024).
- Approved: [County Rd 136 improvements](#) from 22nd to 33rd streets South.
- Approved: Received Engineer's Reports and set public hearings for June 21 on Phases [2](#) & [3](#), 2021 Bituminous Street Improvements.
- Public Hearing and Approved: [Vacation of easement](#), Granite City Crossings (4175 & 4255 Roosevelt Rd.)

June 18-19 – City Council Retreat

June 21, City Council –

- Approved: Setting public hearing for July 12th on an [Ordinance vacating three side yard and utility easements in Quarry Woods](#) 7th and 8th additions.
- Approved: Setting public hearing for July 12th on an [Ordinance vacating a drainage and utility easement at 6557 Westwood Parkway](#).
- Approved: Setting public hearing for July 12th on a [Resolution amending Children's Home PUD](#) to allow 12' fencing at the Welcome Center.
- Public Hearings and Approved: Phases [2](#) & [3](#), 2021 Bituminous Street Improvements.

July 12, City Council –

- Approved: Appointment of Krister Johnson to the Heritage Preservation Commission (through April 2024).
- Approved: Resolution approving [Wastewater Treatment System Use Agreement](#) with the City of Foley.
- Public Hearing and Approved: Resolution authorizing issuance of [General Obligation Improvement Bonds and adopting 5-year Capital Improvement Plan](#) for converting the old Technical High School into St. Cloud City Hall (2/3 City Council vote required).
- Public Hearing and Approved: Resolution authorizing issuance of [General Obligation Street Reconstruction Bonds and adopting 5-year Street Reconstruction Plan](#) (2/3 City Council vote required).
- Public Hearing and Approved: [Resolution amending Children's Home PUD](#) to allow 12' fencing at the Welcome Center.
- Public Hearing and Approved: [Ordinance vacating a drainage and utility easement](#) at 6557 Westwood Parkway.
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July 26, City Council –

- Approved: [Resolution authorizing issuance and sale of \\$9,000,000 General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds](#) for converting the old Technical High School building into St. Cloud City Hall.

- Approved: Resolution authorizing [issuance and sale of \\$4,500,000 General Obligation Bonds](#) for the city's 5-year Street Reconstruction Plan.
- Approved: Resolution [refinancing \\$20.6 million in General Bonds Tax Abatement Refunding Bonds](#) originally used to finance the Rivers Edge Convention and Events Center in 2010.
- Approved: Setting public hearing for Aug. 9th on an [ordinance to rezone 601 Franklin Ave. NE](#) from C5 Highway Commercial, to I1 Light Industrial.
- Approved: Contract for [2021 Bituminous Street Improvements, Phase 2.](#)

August 2, City Council – Study Session

- Discuss: Road repair and transportation
- Discuss: Large vehicle and trailer parking

August 9, City Council –

- Approved: Set public hearing for Aug. 23rd to amend the city's [2007 Code of Ordinances - Noise Control Regulations.](#)
- Approved: [2021 Bituminous Street Improvements, Phase 3.](#)
- Discussion - New Business: Large vehicle and trailer parking.

### SARTELL:

June 14, City Council –

- Approved: Request to [annex 1710 Pine Cone Road N.](#) (pg. 143-149)
- Approved: Preliminary plat - [Midnight Oaks Estates](#) (pg. 165-187)
- Approved: [2021 Street Repair](#) (pg. 198-202)

June 28, City Council –

- Approved: Accept feasibility study and set public hearing for July 26, on \$7.6 million [2022 19th Ave. S. Street and Utility Improvements.](#) (pg. 101-146)

July 12, City Council –

- Approved: Preliminary and final plat, [Preusser Enterprises](#) (*Adam Preusser*) (pg. 120-142)
- Approved: Feasibility study for [Scout & Dehler Drive improvements](#) (pg. 161-194)

July 26, City Council –

- Public Hearing & Approved: Preliminary plat, [River Crossings](#) (pg. 64-75)
- Approved: [County Rd 1 final design](#) (pg. 89-132)

August 9, City Council –

- Approved: [Sartell Mobile Home Park Agreement](#) (safety and utilities) (pg. 22-24)
- Approved: [Savanna Oaks Plat 1 Agreements](#) - Viking Dev. Group (adding one new owner/developer, Jason Stock: Lot 15, Block 1 w/ conditions) (pg. 70-86)
- Preliminary Assessment Hearing and Approved: [2021 Scout & Dehler Drive Improvements](#) (pg. 110-112)
- Approved: [Sartell-LeSauk Township Orderly Annexation Agreement](#) (pg. 115-132)
- Approved: [Park Improvement Plan](#) (pg. 133-164)

### SAUK RAPIDS:

June 14, City Council –

- Approved: [L. Johnson Apartment Site Plan and Final Plat](#) (part of Turning View Estates PUD) (pg. 20-43)

June 28, City Council –

- Approved: [Contract w/ Hoisington Koegler Group Inc.](#) for Comp Plan Update 2021 (pg. 7-17)

July 12, City Council –

- Public Hearing and Approved: [Modification to Redevelopment Plan, TIF Dist. #24](#), BB Land Holding LLC, 24,000 sq. ft. new warehouse/office space for G&J Awning & Canvas Inc., Sauk Rapids Industrial Park East, corner of 19th Street and 17th Avenue NE (*Rice Companies Inc.*) (pg. 5-95)

July 26, City Council –

- Approved: Accept Feasibility Study and Called for Public Hearing on planned [2022 2nd Ave N. Improvements](#) (pg. 45-78)

August 9, City Council –

- Approved: [G&J Awning and Canvas site plan](#) - new 24,000 sq. ft. warehouse/office (*Rice Companies Inc.*) (pg. 21-23)
- Approved: Authorize SEH to prepare [feasibility study re: 2022 Industrial Boulevard Improvements](#) (pg. 34-35)
- Approved: Authorize SEH to prepare [feasibility study re: 2022 & 2023 Street Overlay Improvements](#) (pg. 36-37)

### ST. AUGUSTA:

June 1, City Council – [Nothing of particular interest to CMBA]

July 6, City Council –

- Accepted: [Building Permits Report](#) (pg. 50-52)
- Public Hearing and Approved: [Vacation of Drainage and Utility Easement, Eagle's Landing](#) (pg. 57-63)
- Public Hearing and Approved: [Vacation of Drainage and Utility Easement, Voigt Valley](#) (pg. 64-66)

August 3, City Council –

- Approved: [Final Plat - Country Square, Plat 5](#) (pg. 50-52)
- Approved: [Variance, CUP and Easement Vacation, Country Square Plat 4 - A&E Storage](#) (pg. 56-71)

### ST. JOSEPH:

June 7, City Council –

- Public Assessment Hearing: [2021 Street and Utility Improvements](#) (pg. 51-70)
- Approved: [Release of RFP for design of Community Center](#) (pg. 117-123)

June 16, City Council – Special Meeting

- [Presentations from Architectural Firms](#) re: planned Community Center

June 21, City Council – [Nothing of particular interest to CMBA]

July 6, City Council –

- Considered: [HGA and HMA as finalist architects for Community Center](#) (pg. 35)

July 19, City Council –

- Accepted: [Annual TIF Districts Report](#) (TIF Districts 1-4) (pg. 79-80)
- Approved: [Awarding bids for 2021 Street and Utility Improvements](#) - C&L Excavating, Braun Intertec, SEH (pg. 90-107)

August 2, City Council –

- Approved: Setting Public Hearing for Sept. 7 on proposed [Block 7 Alley Vacation](#) (pg. 10-11)
- Approved: [Sign Ordinance Amendment](#) prohibiting electronic (dynamic displays) downtown (pg. 16-46)
- Approved: [HGA as architect for Community Center](#) (pg. 62-63)

### WAITE PARK:

June 7, City Council –

- Approved: [Plans and Specifications for 2021 Street and Storm Water Improvements](#)
- Approved: [Alley vacation - Ultimate Sports Bar](#)

June 21, City Council –

- Approved: [CUP for Nature's View Landscaping](#)
- Approved: [Front yard garage variance request, Roy Undersander, 8161 Old Hwy Rd N](#)

July 19, City Council –

- Approved: [Interim Use Permit \(IUP\) 10 yr. Granite Quarry](#), Sandra Fedor Living Trust and Johnson Materials Inc.

August 2, City Council –

- Approved: [Miller Lot Property - City lease to purchase](#)
- Approved: [Determination of Adequacy of Environmental Impact Statement \(EIS\)](#) of Martin Marietta North Quarry Reduction & Rainbow Quarry Expansion

### CLEARWATER:

June 14, City Council –

- Approved: [Amended fees schedule](#) (water use rates increase, but no increases to SAC/WAC) (pg. 92-96)
- Approved: [Ordinance amendments](#) (including plastic fencing, business registration, and city zoning map #2021-07) (pg. 101-106)

July 12, City Council –

- Consider: [Architect quotes](#) for new Community Center (pg. 80-106)
- Consider: [Zoning Ordinance request](#) (pg. 107)
- Approved: [Orderly annexation](#) of four township properties (pg. 126-139)

July 26, City Council – Workshop

- Discuss: Draft Orderly Annexation Agreement

August 9, City Council –

- Considered: [Preliminary Budget/Levy Overview](#) (includes proposed sewer and water fee increases) (pg. 80-113)

### FOLEY:

June 1, City Council –

- Received: Brief update re: city interest in [planned Benton County Housing Study](#) (pg. 84-84)

July 13, City Council –

- Consider: Concept Plat, [new Industrial Park](#) (pg. 18-19)
- Public Hearing and Approved: [Amended Ordinances](#) - #457 (Solar Gardens), #458 (Interim Use Permits) (pg. 27-30)
- Considered and Approved: [Amended Ordinance - #459#459](#) (Driveway Access to Public Right-of-way) (pg. 31-32)
- Discussion: Joint Meeting w/ Planning Commission re: Land Use Study/Planning

August 3, City Council – [Nothing of particular interest to CMBA]

### STEARNS COUNTY:

June 1, County Board –

- Approved: Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for [M&D Investments, Waite Park](#) (pg. 59-79)
- Approved: Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for [MC's Lawn and Landscaping \(16442 Laurel Rd - lake home, major shoreland alteration\)](#), St. Joseph (pg. 80-99)
- Public hearing and Approved: [Ordinance #624](#) (new limits on Recreational Vehicles on private properties) (pg. 367-425)

June 22, County Board –

- Approved: [10448 345th Street, St. Joseph - Request to rezone parcel](#) from A40 - R10 (pg. 315-338)
- Discuss: Set public hearing on proposed [major fee increases for Shoreland Alteration](#) (pg. 358-359)

July 27, County Board – [Nothing of particular interest to CMBA]

July 28, County Board – Work Session

August 10, County Board – [Nothing of particular interest to CMBA]

**BENTON COUNTY:**

June 1, County Board –

- Approved: Minor Final Plat, [The Cove 5th Addition](#) (pg. 19-21)

June 15, County Board –

- Approved: Minor Final Plat, [Puchalla Estates](#) (pg. 20-22)

July 6, County Board –

- Approved: [Land Services document fee increases](#) (pg. 62-63)

July 20, County Board – [Nothing of particular interest to CMBA]

August 3, County Board – [Nothing of particular interest to CMBA]

As always, contact me with any questions or concerns. Thank you!

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