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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: City Manager Bill Bridgeo
RE: Administrative Report
DATE: May 13, 2013

Meetings:

On Thursday, May 16, the City Council will hold its regular Council Meeting at 6:30 pm in Council Chambers. The agenda is enclosed with your package. Public comment session for School Budget and review of School Budget with School Board will follow the meeting.

On Friday, May 17, a senior staff meeting will be held at 9:15 a.m. at the Civic Center.

Other Items:

Street Superintendent Jerry Dostie reports that we have awarded our street striping contract for this year and that work will commence next week (weather permitting). Last year, we allowed the contractor to do some of the work during the daytime. That worked out well enough (limited traffic disruption and safety concerns) so we will do so again this year. I requested a proposal from Jerry to provide for painting a centerline on Middle Road (per resident requests last year) and those roads similarly situated. Jerry says that in his opinion five roads in total meet those criteria (Eight Rod Road, Lamson Road, Summerhaven and Sanford Roads). The cost for this work is approximately \$3,400 and I have instructed him to authorize it with the paving contractor.

Jerry also advises that our 2013 paving program is set to kick off as well. During the coming weeks, we will be doing finish work on Bond Street (including sidewalks) and nearby on Water Street (associated with the GAUD storm water project). We will be shimming Winthrop Street up the hill as well as Blaisdell Street. Later in the season (after GAUD had adjusted manhole covers) we'll do finish paving and related sidewalk reconstruction. We are also preparing bids documents for applying a treatment known as "chip-seal" for the Burns Road on a test case basis. This application, also referred to as "oil and stone" is a preventative process that extends the useful life of roads that are not in bad shape. It is commonly used around the country and in several rural communities in Kennebec County. We will be notifying all of the residents of the road before we proceed. My hope (I've been the one promoting this method as I've had positive results with it in the other communities I've worked in) is that chip-seal can supplement our other treatment methods and get the best long term bang for our paving dollars.

WRB/pec

Enclosure

cc: Department and Bureau Directors
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