



THE CITY OF AUGUSTA

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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: City Manager Bill Bridgeo
RE: Administrative Report
DATE: June 1, 2015

Meetings:

There will be a Joint Audit Committee Meeting at 5:30 p.m. in Conference Room A on Thursday, June 4, 2015.

The City Council will meet in Council Chambers on Thursday, June 4, 2015 beginning at 7:00 p.m. for a Business Meeting. An agenda is included in your council packets. A pre-meeting will take place in Conference Room A beginning at 6:30 p.m.

There will be a Senior Staff Meeting beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, June 5th at the Civic Center.

Other Items:

There's an item on this coming business agenda that has not been reviewed in an informational meeting. It is the annual Justice Department grant to the three law enforcement agencies in Kennebec County that qualify for it (Kennebec Sheriff's Office; Waterville PD; and Augusta PD). Each year, the three agencies alternate in accepting responsibility for administering the grant and this coming year it is our turn. We propose to use our share of the funds to upgrade mobile computer and communications systems.

Water Street (from Memorial Circle to the bottom of Rines Hill) will be paved this week. That commences a full summer schedule of street improvements throughout the City, either State funded (Mt. Vernon Ave., Stone/Hospital Streets, Western Avenue, etc.) or City projects (Windsor Ave., School Street, etc.).

Design work on the North Augusta Fire Station is progressing to the construction document stage after several design stage meetings between City staff and the architect. The proposed site on the Quimby property off the Leighton Road may have an issue with a seasonal vernal pool. City staff is working through that with Maine DEP and the Army Corps of Engineers. Hopefully that will not slow the project down.

The Police Department coordinated a successful "hot spot" operation in the Boothby/Bond/Mt. Vernon Ave. area of the City last Friday night utilizing the cooperative forces of the Sheriff's Department, The DA's Office, State Police, MDEA, Probation and ATF agents. Chief Gregoire reports that it went very well – great interagency cooperation, a number of arrests and plans for more such operations in the future.

C: Department and Bureau Directors
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