



**CITY OF ALBERT LEA
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

*January 2025 Meeting
1/27/2025, 6 pm
City Garage*

1. CALL TO ORDER:
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Adopt Agenda

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
 - a. November 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes (December meeting was cancelled)

3. PUBLIC ITEMS:

4. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:
 - a. Review and discuss Splash Pad/North Lot Bathroom Project – Ryan Hajek
 - b. Review 2025 Fee Schedule

5. STAFF REPORT DISCUSSION:

6. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

8. ADJOURNMENT:

MISSION STATEMENT

“To provide quality recreational opportunities and to plan, acquire, develop and maintain attractive and safe parks and facilities that enhance the quality of life in the community of Albert Lea.”

PARKS & RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

November 18, 2024 6 pm
Edgewater Bay Pavilion

Members Present:

Steve Ball
Kent Rahn
Whitney Sauer
Amy Leach
Therese Salazar
Wende Taylor
Tony Segura (arrived at 6:17 p.m.)
Jason Howland, Ex-Officio

Members Absent:

none

Staff in Attendance:

Cathy Malakowsky, Community Engagement and Enrichment Director
Ryan Hajek, Assistant Director of Public Works
Bob Furland, Recreation Manager
Mike Westney, Parks Superintendent
Dani Bakken, Recreation Coordinator
Afton Wacholz, Recreation Office Manager

Others in Attendance:

Phil Wacholz, Bayside Waterski Show Team Representative
Mike Johnson, Bayside Waterski Show Team President

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Steve Ball at 6:00pm.

Adopt Agenda:

Wende Taylor made the motion to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting with the addition of the Bayside Waterski Show Team community project request and Therese Salazar seconded the motion. The board voted in favor of said motion 6-0 (Tony Seguar was absent). Motion declared passed.

Approval of the Minutes:

Amy Leach made the motion to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2024 meeting and Whitney Sauer seconded the motion. The board voted in favor of said motion 6-0 (Tony Segura was absent). Motion declared passed.

Public Items:

Wende Taylor contacted staff regarding a community member question on the new rain garden area on the corner of The Fairway and Lake Shore Dr. The community member's backyard adjoins the land where the new garden is located. They had questions regarding how much water will sit in there and if there will be any fencing put up around the area. A member from the Engineering department will be calling the community member to answer their questions on this project.

Action/Discussion Items:

- **Review and discussion of Bayside Waterski Show Team community project request**
 - Phil Wacholz and Mike Johnson from the Bayside Waterski Show Team presented to the board on their community project requested for their show site in Edgewater Bay on Fountain Lake. This site has been their show site for 54 years and the team currently uses the site 4 days a week for practices and their weekly show on Thursday evenings from June through Labor Day. They also host a 4th of July show and perform traveling shows in other communities.
 - The team will be hosting the 2025 Regional Tournament in July and are looking to make some improvements to the shoreline and beach area to accommodate the large teams that will be participating.
 - In 2005 the concrete pillow was placed and in 2010 there was a revision to remove the middle portion of the pillow to accommodate a better beach area. The team is requesting permission to submit a revision to the current permit request to the DNR to remove all of the remaining concrete pillow and replace with beach. The team will fully fund this project, with Dulas Excavating doing the work, which will also include dirt work, restoration of grass and sediment control.
 - Ryan Hajek believes this is a great idea as the pillow is not serving it's original purpose. Amy Leach also agrees that this improvement would benefit the community with an additional beach area. Phil state he has already discussed this with the DNR and they are also excited to remove this as the pillow doesn't serve a purpose in wildlife habitat but the expanded sandy beach area would.
 - There will be a \$1,200 permit fee through the DNR that the team will pay for. Once the permit is submitted there is a 30-day public comment period through the DNR. If the board approves this, Bayside will submit the permit and get going on work as soon as they are able to.
 - Amy Leach motioned to approve the request by Bayside to submit a revised permit to the DNR to remove the concrete pillow and replace with extended sandy beach while preserving the shoreline. Kent Rahn seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the board voted in favor of said motion 7-0. Motion declared passed.
- **Update on facilities projects and designs**
 - Recreation staff presented a visual walk through of the most current design of the expanded lobby at the City Arena as well as the improvements at the Aquatic Center. There are still some fine tuning to be done however staff feels very good with where things are at in the process. Feedback from the board was positive.
- **Review and discussion of Albert Lea Youth Softball community project request**
 - The Albert Lea Youth Softball Association submitted a community project request to place a 10' x 16' shed with vinyl siding and roll up overhead door at the Snyder Field

complex. The shed is on skids and would be placed on a crushed gravel pad initially with future plans on possibly having a concrete slab. All funding will be provided by the association for the shed and the placement. This shed allows the association to keep their equipment on the site that is used for all their practices and games.

- Steve asked about preventing rodents from damaging items in the shed when stored out of season. There is no opposition from Parks staff. Jason asked if inspections needs to be involved and staff will confirm this prior to final approval.
- Therese Salazar made a motion to approve the project application for placement of the equipment shed as long as it meets City Code. Amy Leach seconded the motion. The board voted in favor of said motion 6-0 (Whitney Sauer was absent). Motion declared passed.
- **Discuss and approve 2025 meeting dates**
 - The board discussed the need for any changes to the time of the meetings for 2025 to ensure everyone can get there. After a short discussion, it was decided to keep meeting times at 6pm on the 3rd Monday of the month for 2025
 - Due to holidays landing on the 3rd Monday in January and February, the board decided to move those meetings to the 4th Monday of the month to avoid the holiday for City staff.

Staff Updates:

Recreation: Report provided by Bob Furland and Dani Bakken;

- The first session of Learn to Skate ended on Sunday, November 10
- Fall Candle Light Walk will be held at the State Park on Friday, November 15 from 6-8p
- We are working on the winter guide and that will be sent to mail boxes the week of December 9
- We will host our Turkey Trot on Ice on November 24 from 4:30-6p
- Oktoberween was held October 18-20 and 25-27 with approximately 1,500 paid admissions
- Working on special event dates with CVB

Parks: Report provided by Ryan Hajek and Mike Westney;

- Winterizing buildings & gardens is done.
- Fall tree planting is done.
- Working on grinding & picking up leaves.
- Rough mowing & spraying.
- Started setting up hockey rinks.
- Started changing out banners.
- Start putting up Christmas decorations.
- Equipment & building maintenance.
- Tree work.

City Arena: Report provided by Bob Furland/Josh Heilman;

- Facility updates –
 - Met with Apex and LFG Architects for an in person building walk through for the facility projects.
 - Apex has finished the building envelope upgrade to the arena and theater.

- **Events -**
 - Youth Hockey
 - B Bantams home tournament was held Nov 8-10 with 8 total teams
 - A Bantams home tournament will be Nov 15-17 with 8 total teams
 - A Squirt home tournament will be Dec 6-8 and A Peewee Dec 13-15
 - First youth tournament November 8-10
 - Waldorf
 - Intersquad scrimmage Nov 22
 - D1 home series:
 - University of Mary Dec 6 at 7:30pm and Dec 7 at 2pm
 - D2 home series vs UW La Crosse Nov 16-17
 - High School
 - First home girls game was Nov 7, with several more this week and next week
 - Boys started practice on Nov 11 and have a home scrimmage on Nov 23
 - Figure Skating
 - No new updates.
- **Other events –**
 - None

Aquatic Center: Report provided by Bob Furland/Josh Heilman;

- Walk through with Apex to finalize design plans

Senior Center: Report provided by Bob Furland;

- **Trips -**
 - Side Kick Theatre December 10th “Bells will be Ringing”
- **Programs/Events –**
 - The 80s brunch was held on October 25th
 - Christmas party will be held on December 6 at the Edgewater Bay Pavilion

Marion Ross Theater: Report provided by Bob Furland;

- **Facility Updates –**
 - Apex has measured the windows and doors for the remodel.
- **Upcoming events -**
 - White Christmas will run December 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13 and 14

Other: Report provided by Cathy Malakowsky;

Bicycle shelter at Frank Hall Park:

The Freeborn County Trail Association has secured \$60,000 for the project with additional \$13,000 needed. The association continues to seeking grant and donations for the remainder.

Trail along the former UP railroad corridor: Excerpt from update from County Engineer Phil Wacholz

1. HDR has successfully been added as a subconsultant to perform design alternatives for the Highway 13 crossing. Our concern was that the difficulty in crossing Highway 13 would eat up

substantial design budget. Therefore, HDR contacted MnDOT and a MnDOT Consultant who was already working on similar work. HDR was able to be added as a subconsultant to this project and now a portion of the fees for work on our project will actually be paid by MnDOT. This will avoid us overrunning due to the design effort we are needing on the Highway 13 crossing.

- a. There will be three options evaluated for the crossing of Highway 13.
 - i. At grade crossing at the same location as the old RR crossing at Highway 13, and
 - ii. Grade separated crossing with the trail going under Highway 13 via a tunnel, and
 - iii. At grade crossing of Highway 13 at the location of a new roundabout at Sunset Street.
2. As part of the Winter Avenue reconstruction, the City of Albert Lea installed the trail crossing ramps for Winter based on the preliminary design so that new curbing, sidewalk, and street wouldn't be disturbed in the future for the trail construction.
3. Environmental Memo is underway to describe the foreseeable environmental challenges the project will face.
 - a. Application for funding: County is moving ahead with an application for MnDOT's Active Transportation Infrastructure grant. The grant awards up to \$1 million in state funding per project and our trail is a great fit. This funding would be for 2025 or 2026 construction and if we were awarded the full amount it would fund approximately 30% of the project.
 - b. There are a few other funding opportunities with applications open in the spring. They are Regional Trail Grant from the MnDNR, Legislative Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR), and MnDNR Federal Recreation Trails grant. As we have discussed, our project is going to require funding from a variety of sources and will also include the need for local inputs. For this phase of trail construction, the preliminary estimate was \$3.5 million. If we can get the project funded to about 75-80%, that would leave approximately \$875,000 in local money required. This could be split with the City of Albert Lea. Grant funding for 100% of the project is unlikely in my opinion. We currently have approximately \$600,000 in committed funds for trail design, construction, and maintenance.

**** Top 5 Project Updates:**

Restrooms by Splash Pad –

- No new updates

Develop the Union Pacific rail to trail –

- See staff update from Cathy

Develop an off-season field house –

- Status of the non-city group working on this idea?

Upgrade Snyder Fields –

- No new updates

Update aging facilities, including the City Arena and Aquatic Center –

- See staff reports

Board Member Items:

- Wende Taylor –
 - Asked what the construction cones and lanes were detouring around near the north McDonald's on Bridge Ave. Staff responded that this was not a City project and assumed it was utility work by a contractor through the County.

Adjournment: Amy Leach made a motion to adjourn the Park Board meeting and Kent Rahn seconded the motion. The board voted in favor of said motion 6-0 (Whitney Sauer was absent). Motion declared passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Afton Wacholz
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Secretary

Approved:

Steve Ball
Park & Recreation Advisory Board Chairman

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	2025 Fees
AIRPORT	
T-Hangar Units - month	\$120/month
Hangar #3 or Hangar #4	\$170/month
Hangar #5	\$30/month
Hangar #7 or Hangar #8	\$2,400/year
Conference Room Rental	\$15/hour
Land Lease	\$110/year
ANIMALS	
License - Spayed/Neutered Dogs & Cats	\$10/3 years
License - Non-Spayed/Neutered Dogs & Cats	\$75/3 years
License - Dangerous Dogs	\$250/year
Duplicate License	\$3
Livestock and Small Animals Permit	\$100/2 years
Prescribed Grazing	\$100/project
Investigation Fee - No Permit Issued	Permit Fee Doubles
Potentially Dangerous Dog Appeal	\$100
Dangerous Dog Appeal	\$250
ANNEXATION REQUEST	\$600
AQUATIC CENTER	
Day Admission	Includes sales tax
General Admission (3 years and older)	\$5 Previously \$4
Infant (2 years and younger)	No Fee Previously \$1
Individuals Age 55 and older	\$3 Previously no separate rate
Daily Evening Admission	
General Admission (3 years and older)	\$3 Previously \$2
Infant (2 years and younger)	\$0
Individuals Age 55 and older	\$3 Previously \$2
Season Pass	
Individual (age 16 and older) Previously only one individual option for \$65 +tax	\$75 (includes tax)
Individual Ages 10 - 15 years	\$45 (includes tax)
Caretaker	\$45 (includes tax) Previously \$35+tax
Family - 4 persons in same household	\$135 (includes tax) Previously \$120+tax
Additional Family Members in same household	\$25 (includes tax) Previously \$20+tax
Swimming Lessons per session	
Resident	\$45 Previously \$35
Group reservations during public swim	\$1 discount per admission
Group reservations during non-public swim	\$200/hour with minimum of 2 hours Previously \$150/hour
Special Requests/Swim Team Practice	Per Contract
ARENA	
Daily Admission	Includes sale tax
Weekday (includes skate rental)	\$4.00 onsite only
Weekend	\$5.00 onsite or \$4.00 pre-registration
Special event (Includes skate rental)	\$5.00 onsite and pre-registration
Weekday stick and puck	\$4
Freestyle figure skating or open hockey	\$8.00 onsite or \$6.00 pre-registration
Captain's Practice	Contracted Fee
Skate Rental	\$2
Skate Sharpening	\$7
Non-Ice Space Rental (8:00 AM - MIDNIGHT plus one hour of clean-up)	\$1,000/day, \$650/day non-profits Previously \$850/day
Non-Ice Additional Space Set Up (max 4 hours - day before)	\$50/hour
High School Tournaments, Special Events, Schools, College	Contracted Fee
On Ice - Prime Time	\$190/hour Previously \$185/hour
On Ice - Non-prime Time 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM (when school is in session)	\$155/hour Previously \$150/hour
On Ice - Non-prime Time (April 1 - August 31)	\$150/hour Previously \$145/hour
Kennel Club Room	Per Contract
Conference Rooms 1 and 2 (public non-contracted group)	
Normal Operating Hours	\$25/hour with minimum of 2 hours
Outside Normal Operating Hours	\$50/hour with minimum of 2 hours
Contracted User Groups	Per Contract
Batting Cage	\$5/person/hour; \$20/hour group of 4-12
ASSESSMENT SEARCHES	
Certified Division w/PID	\$20/parcel
Rush	\$30/parcel
BOAT DOCKS	
Annual Fee - Resident	\$175
Annual Fee - Non-resident	\$225

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	2025 Fees
BOAT DOCKS (CONTINUED)	
Removal	\$175 minimum
Floating Dock Slip	\$1,250
Floating Dock Slip (prorated after Aug 1)	\$625
BUILDING PERMITS	
Roofing and Siding Permit (Residential Only)	\$90
Window Permit (Residential Only)	\$75
Temporary Accessory Structure (6-month)	\$100
Minnesota Surcharge	\$1
Valuation	
\$1 - \$500	\$20
\$501 to \$2,000	\$20 for first \$500 plus \$2.40 for each additional \$100 or fraction thereof
\$2,001 to \$25,000	\$56 for first \$2,000 plus \$10.80 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof
\$25,001 to \$50,000	\$304.40 for the first \$25,000 plus \$7.80 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof
\$50,001 to \$100,000	\$499.40 for the first \$50,000 plus \$5.40 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof
\$100,001 to \$500,000	\$769.40 for the first \$100,000 plus \$4.20 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof
\$500,001 to \$1,000,000	\$2,449.40 for the first \$500,000 plus \$3.60 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof
\$1,000,001 and up	\$4,246.80 for the first \$1,000,000 plus \$2.40 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof
Surcharge	
\$1,000,000 or less	\$.0005 x valuation
\$1,000,001 to \$2,000,000	\$500 plus \$.004 x valuation over \$1,000,000
\$2,000,001 to \$3,000,000	\$900 plus \$.003 x valuation over \$2,000,000
\$3,000,001 to \$4,000,000	\$1,200 plus \$.002 x valuation over \$3,000,000
\$4,000,001 to \$5,000,000	\$1,400 plus \$.001 x valuation over \$4,000,000
\$5,000,001 and up	\$1,500 plus \$.0005 x valuation over \$5,000,000
Other Inspections	
Inspection Outside Normal Business Hours	\$40/hour w/ minimum 2 hours
Each Re-inspection or missed inspection	\$50/inspection
Additional Plan Review Due to Changes	\$40/hour w/ minimum 1/2 hour
Investigation Fee - No Permit Issued	Permit Fee Doubles
Plan Review (Charged on all new residential, commercial and industrial construction. Applies to pre-built structures)	65% of Building Permit Fee
BURN PERMIT	\$30/Fire
BURN PERMIT, APPEAL PROCESS	\$200
CANNABIS	
All Retail - Initial License	\$1,250
All Retail - Licenses Renewal	\$2,500
Event Permit (Per event)	\$375
CANDIDATE FILING FEE	\$25
CERTIFIED COPIES	\$1/page plus sales tax
CIGARETTES/TOBACCO LICENSE	\$200/year
CITY CENTER & BUILDING RENTALS	
Room 109	\$20/hour
City Council Chambers	\$25/hour
All other City Properties not referenced in the fee schedule	Negotiable
City Center & Building Rentals to Governmental Agencies	Negotiable
CODE OF ORDINANCES	
Per Page	\$.50 plus sales tax
Full Copy with Binder	\$500 plus sales tax
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION FEE	\$600
DEALERS IN SECONDHAND GOLD, SILVER, JEWELRY	\$500
DONATIONS	
Bench - Polysteel with plaque	\$2,400
Bench - Midwest Playscapes Steel Bench with plaque	\$3,000
Tree with Installation	\$300
Picnic Table	\$700
ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGE	\$2/hour
ENGINEERING FEES	
429 Assessable Projects Engineered and Construction Oversight by Engineering	
Engineering, Construction Oversight and Administration	8%

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ENGINEERING FEES (CONTINUED)	
Misc Items (<i>i.e. soil borings, advertising, outside engineering</i>)	Actual Cost up to 8%
Construction Projects - Designed by Outside Consultant and Construction Oversight by Outside Consultant	
Engineering, Oversight and Administration	Actual Cost
Construction Projects - Designed by Outside Consultant and Construction Oversight by City	
Engineering	Actual Cost
Construction Oversight and Administration	5%
Subdivisions - Design and Construction by Others	3% plus Development Agreement
ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY BY INSPECTION	\$40
EXHIBITIONS, SHOWS (i.e. carnivals, circus)	\$550
FALSE ALARMS (to include Fire)	
1st Offense and 2nd Offense	No Penalty
3rd Offense	\$50
4th Offense	\$100
5 or more Offenses	\$150
Alarm Company Non-compliance Penalty	\$100/violation
FIRE CODE TANK INSTALLATION OR REMOVAL	\$100/tank
FIRE INSPECTION, COMMERCIAL	
Initial Inspection and Follow Up Inspection	\$0
2nd Follow Up Inspection	\$100
Each Inspection After 2nd	Fee Doubles from Previous
Sprinkler Pressure Test	\$50.00
Fire Alarm Inspection	
1 - 10 Devices	\$50
11 - 20 Devices	\$75
21 - 40 Devices	\$100
41 - 100 Devices	\$150
> 100 Devices	\$200
FIRE INSPECTION, SINGLE UNIT AND DUPLEX	
Initial Inspection and Re-Inspection	\$0
2nd Re-inspection	\$20
3rd Re-inspection	\$40
4th Re-inspection	\$80
Any Additional Re-inspection	\$160
FIRE INSPECTION , THREE OR MORE UNITS	
Initial Inspection and Re-Inspection	\$0
2nd Re-inspection	\$40/hour with 1/2 hour minimum
3rd Re-inspection	\$80/hour with 1/2 hour minimum
4th Re-inspection	\$160/hour with 1/2 hour minimum
Any Additional Re-inspection	\$320/hour with 1/2 hour minimum
FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES DAYCARE/FOSTER CARE	
Initial Inspection	\$50
Follow-up Inspection	\$50/inspection
FIRE PROTECTION	
Personnel	\$100/hour per person (2 hour minimum)
Equipment	Per FEMA schedule of equipment rates
FIRE STATION ROOM RENTAL	
Training Room	\$37.50/hour
Conference Room	\$20/hour
FIREWORKS	
Sales within Stores	\$100/year
Sales within Tents	\$250/year
Pyrotechnic Display	Private \$500/Public Negotiable
FLOODPLAIN MAP CHECK FEE	\$25
GARDENS	
Resident - Brookside, Margaretha or Sparks Avenue	\$20
Non-Resident - Brookside, Margaretha or Sparks Avenue	\$25
HOTEL/MOTEL INSPECTION (1 inspection conducted in 3 year period - includes one follow up inspection)	
1-34 Units	No Inspection Fee
35 Units or More \$435 base fee plus per unit charge as follows:	
Units 1-18 - \$5/unit	
Units 19-35 - \$6/unit	
Units 36-100 - \$7/unit	
Units 101 or more - \$8/unit	
Each Re-inspection After One	\$225
INTERIM USE PERMIT	\$600

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	2025 Fees
LIBRARY	
Non-resident Fees (outside Minnesota Reciprocal Plan)	\$40/year/family
Photocopies and Printouts	\$.10/page Black and White - \$.25/page Color
Third Replacement Card w/in 12 months	\$3
LIQUOR LICENSE, Intoxicating	
Club, On-Sale	\$200/year
Wine On-Sale	\$400/year
Consumption & Display	\$200/year & State License Fee
Off-Sale	\$450/year
On-Sale	\$2,000/year
Investigation Fee for New Applications	
Individual Ownership	\$100
Partnership Ownership	\$125
Corporation Ownership	\$175
Sunday On-Sale	\$200/year
Temporary Off-Premises On-Sale	\$50/day
2:00 AM Closing	\$500/year and State License Fee
LIQUOR LICENSE, 3.2 Percent	
Club On-Sale	\$150/year
Off-Sale	\$200/year
On-Sale	\$200/year
Seasonal 6 months - only issued with consumption and display permit	\$100
MAIN CORRIDOR URBAN RENEWAL GRANT APPLICATION FEE	
	\$75
MAPS	
City - Small (includes sales tax)	\$5
Computer Generated Bond - 24" x 36" (includes sales tax)	\$21.40
MASSAGE THERAPIST LICENSE	
	\$100/year
MECHANICAL PERMITS	
Permit	\$35
Minnesota Surcharge	\$1
Forced Air Furnace	
Through 100,000 BTU	\$9
Over 100,000 BTU	\$11
Vented Infrared Gas Heating System	\$9
Hot Water or Steam Boiler	
Through 100,000 BTU or through 3 HP	\$9
Through 500,000 BTU or 15 HP	\$11.50
Through 1,000,000 BTU or 30 HP	\$22.50
Through 1,750,000 BTU or 50 HP	\$33.50
Over 1,750,000 BTU or 50 HP	\$56
Air Conditioner	
1 HP to 3 Tons	\$9
15 HP to 15 Tons	\$16.50
15 Tons to 30 Tons	\$22.50
Over 30 Tons	\$33.50
Unit Heater, Recessed Wall or Floor Mounted	\$9
Bath Exhaust Fan or Range Hood	\$9
Commercial Exhaust Fans	\$9
Air Handling Units	\$9
Gas Piping	\$6.50
Other Inspections	
Inspections Outside Normal Business Hours	\$40
Each Re-inspection or missed inspection	\$50/inspection
Additional Plan Review Due to Changes	\$40
Investigation Fee - No Permit Issued	Permit Fee Doubles
MOBILE CARTS AND MOBILE VEHICLES	
Annual Permit	\$75.00
804 E Main Street - Reservation Required (includes electrical)	\$10.00/Day
Electrical Connection - all accessible locations	\$10.00/Day
MANUFACTURED HOME INSTALLATION	
Permit - Summer or Normal	\$150
Permit - Winter or Incomplete	\$175
State Surcharge	\$1
Inspections Outside Normal Business Hours	\$40
Each Re-inspection or missed inspection	\$50/inspection
Investigation Fee - No Permit Issued	Permit Fee Doubles

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NATURAL GAS LINE BREAKS, Standby	\$150/hour
NSF CHECK	\$30
NUISANCE VIOLATIONS (INCLUDING PARKS)	
Weed/Grass Mowing - Contracted Service	Actual Costs per Annual Contract
Weed/Grass Mowing - City Staff/Equipment	\$100/hour - 1 hour minimum
Refuse	Actual Costs
Snow Removal	\$100/hour
Snow Removal w/ front end loader	\$120/hour
Tree Trimming	Varies - See PW Rate
Junk Vehicles	Actual Costs of Towing & Disposal
Administrative Fee for Enforcement - per calendar year	
First Enforcement	\$125
Additional Enforcements	\$250/enforcement
Nuisance Violation Appeal	\$200
PARK FACILITY	
J.M. Snyder Softball Fields and Play Park Fields (contracted groups)	
Fields, Prepped for Game	\$25/field/game
Tournament - Includes 8hours/day City Staff	\$250/day
Additional Staff Time	\$30/hour
Hayek Regulation Baseball Field	
Field, Prepped for Game	\$50/game
Additional Staff Time	\$15/hour
Park Facility Rentals to Governmental Agencies	Negotiable
PARK FACILITY RESERVATION RENTALS	\$1,484.74
Bandshell/Gazebo (4 hour block rental only) <i>Previously \$30/\$35 per hour</i>	\$60.00/hour - Non-resident \$65.00/hour
Pavilion (North and South)	\$25/hour - Non-resident \$30/hour
Bancroft Bay Park Shelter	NA
Cottage	\$30/hour - Non-resident \$35/hour
Cottage - Key Deposit	\$100
Cottage - Cleaning Deposit	\$200
Edgewater Bay Pavilion <i>Previously \$55/\$60 per hour; Wi-Fi now added</i>	\$60.00/hour - Non-resident \$65.00/hour
Edgewater Bay Pavilion - All Day (8:00 AM - 12:00 AM) <i>Previously \$800/day; Wi-Fi now added</i>	\$850/day
Edgewater Bay Pavilion - Key Deposit	\$100
Edgewater Bay Pavilion - Cleaning Deposit	\$200
Pioneer Park Pavilion w/ kitchenette	\$20/hour - Non Resident \$25/hour
Pioneer Park Pavilion w/out kitchenette	\$15/hour - Non-resident \$20/hour
Pioneer Park - Key Deposit	\$100
Pioneer Park - Cleaning Deposit	\$200
Park Reservation Rentals - Non-profits Monday - Thursday	50% Discount
Play Park Buildings (approved organizations)	\$30 for up to 4 hours
Non CVB/Main Street Event Electrical Connection	\$10.00/Day
All Other Properties	Negotiable
PARKING AND PARKING VIOLATIONS - These fines do not include State Charges - See Code of Ordinance for Specifics	
Parking Violations	\$13
Physically Handicapped Parking Violations	\$200
PARKLAND DEDICATION FEE - Fair Market Value of 1 acre of land	\$6,500/acre
PAWNSHOP/PAWN BROKER LICENSE	\$500/year
PHOTOCOPY	\$.25/page plus sales tax
PLANNED DEVELOPMENT REVIEW/ APPLICATION FEE	\$600
INTERSTATE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT REVIEW-REVIEW/APPLICATION FEE	\$600
PLANNING AND ZONING CERTIFICATIONS	No Charge
PLATS	
Preliminary and Final	\$1,000
Administrative Plat/Survey Minor	\$150
PLUMBING	
Surcharge	\$1
Investigation Fee - No Permit Issued	Fees Doubled
Piping Permit	\$35
Each Fixture	\$3
Each Re-inspection or missed inspection	\$5
Inspections Outside Normal Business Hours	\$30
Each Re-inspection or missed inspection	\$50/inspection
Inspection for Which No Fee is Specified	\$30
Additional Plan Review Due to Changes	\$30
POLICE PROTECTION	
Standard	\$125/hour (2 hour minimum)

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POLICE PROTECTION (CONTINUED)	
Holidays	\$155/hour (2 hour minimum)
Non-Jurisdictional Support	\$175/hour (2 hour minimum)
PRE-TREATMENT PERMIT (5 year term)	\$1,000
PROTECTION PLAN FOR HOME SERVICE LINES	\$5.50 per month w/opt out option
PUBLIC WORKS RATES	
Labor/Locator	\$65/hour
Pickup 3/4 ton and smaller	\$25/hour
Street Sweeper (includes labor)	\$187.50/hr - 2 hour minimum
Sewer Inspection Camera Trailer/ Pickup Commercial Use (includes labor)	\$380/2 hour minimum
1 ton and larger (including F550), Out-Front Bower Blower, Chipper	\$75/hour
Vac Truck (includes labor)	\$300/hr - 2 hour minimum
Steel Drum/Rubber Tire Roller/Mini Excavator	\$65/hour
Compact Tractor/Skid Steer	\$85/hour
Single Axle Dump Truck	\$85/hour
Tandem Axle, Aerial Bucket, Flusher, Dozer, Backhoe, Flail Mower	\$120/hour
Sewer Inspection Camera Trailer	\$75/hour
Wheel Loader - 2 yd and smaller	\$85/hour
Street Sign Replacement	\$120/hour
Portable Generator - 75KW or larger	\$80/hour
Wheel Loader - larger than 2 yd, Street Sweeper	\$120/hour
Motor grader	\$120/hour
Street Sign Post Replacement	\$30/post
3" Pump	\$150/day
4" Pump	\$250/day
6" Pump	\$300/day
RECREATION PROGRAMS	
Learn to Skate	\$50
Mites Hockey	\$70 plus equipment fee
Reduced fees for youth	Per Published Criteria
REFUSE HAULERS	
Residential	\$150/year
Commercial	\$300/year
Industrial	\$325/year
RENTAL HOUSING/MINIMUM HOUSING	
License - 3 year license includes MHFA Financed Complexes	
Air Bed and Breakfast	\$60
Single Unit	\$60
Duplex	\$120
3-24 Units	\$150 for first 3 units, plus \$30 for each additional unit
25 Plus Unit	\$785 for first 25 units, plus \$5 for each additional unit
License Transfer	\$20
Re-inspection fees	
Single Unit and Duplex	
First re-inspection	\$0
Second re-inspection	\$50
Third re-inspection	\$100
Fourth re-inspection	\$150
Any additional re-inspection	\$200
Three or More Units (includes Air Bed & Breakfast)	
First re-inspection	\$0
Second re-inspection	\$100
Third re-inspection	\$200
Fourth re-inspection	\$300
Any additional re-inspection	\$400
Administrative Penalty	
Single Unit and Duplex	\$200
Three or more units	License Fee Doubles
RE-ZONE APPLICATION FEE	\$600
SAMPLING FEE	
General	\$160/event
Industrial Metals	\$375/event
SEPTIC TANK HAULERS	
Under 1,000 gal	\$60
1,001 - 2,000 gal	\$120
Over 2,000 gal	\$.06/gal

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SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS LICENSE	\$1,000 year
SHORELAND ALTERATION AFTER THE FACT PERMIT	\$1,200
SIGN FEE, PORTABLE	\$60
SIGN HANGER LICENSE	\$100/year
SIGN PERMIT FEES	
Permit - \$1.00 per square feet	\$20 Minimum/\$200 Maximum
Investigation Fee - No Permit Issued	Permit Fee Doubles
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	
Appliances	\$22 Resident \$24 Non-Resident
Mixed Municipal Solid Waste (per cubic yard)	\$25 Resident \$32 Non-Resident
Per tire, Car	\$6 Resident \$12 Non-Resident
Per tire, Car Tire with Rim	\$11 Resident \$22 Non-Resident
Per tire, Truck	\$18 Resident \$36 Non-Resident
Per tire, Tractor, Small under 30" Diameter	\$50 Resident \$100 Non-Resident
Per tire, Tractor, Medium 30"- 46" Diameter	\$60 Resident \$120 Non-Resident
Per tire, Tractor, Large over 46" or wide	\$70 Resident \$140 Non-Resident
Per tire, Truck or Farm with Rim add to above rates	\$10 Resident \$20 Non-Resident
Uncovered loads	\$50 Resident \$100 Non-Resident
Brush per pickup	\$5 Resident \$10 Non-Resident
Yard Waste - Residential Annual Permit	\$13 Resident \$18.50 Non-Resident
Yard Waste - Commercial Annual Permit	\$137 Resident \$200 Non-Resident
Demolition Waste	
Under 300 cubic yards	\$14.25 Resident \$18.90 Non-Resident
300 cubic yards and greater	\$9.45 Resident \$14.70 Non-Resident
Non-Profit/Public Users	\$5 Resident \$6 Non-Resident
Electronic Recycling	
Keyboards/Home and Office Telephones	\$6 Resident \$8 Non-Resident
Laptops/Computer Peripherals/Fax/VCRs/Printers/Stereos	\$10 Resident \$15 Non-Resident
CPU's/Computer monitors	\$12.50 Resident \$18 Non-Resident
Printers, Large	\$20 Resident \$30 Non-Resident
Televisions, up to 30"	\$25 Resident \$35 Non-Resident
Televisions, 30" and larger/Console Stereo/Photocopiers	\$40 Resident \$50 Non-Resident
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, Interest Rate	2% over current year bond true interest %
SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT	
Administrative Fee (Community Events)	Negotiated
Administrative Fee (30 days prior to event)	\$25
Administrative Fee (Less than 30 days prior to event)	\$50
SPRINKLER	
Permit	1% of installation cost, \$25 minimum
Inspection Outside of Normal Hours	\$40
Each Re-inspection (1/2 hour minimum)	\$40
Additional Plan Review (1/2 hour minimum)	\$40
Investigation Fee - No Permit Issued	Permit Fee Doubles
STREET OPENINGS	
Bituminous 3' x 6' (\$11.65/sf)	\$209.70
Concrete 3' x 6' (\$13.10/sf)	\$235.80
Curb & Gutter, Remove and Replace	\$26/lin ft
Sidewalk	\$31.50/lin ft
Gravel Street 3' x 6' (\$5.84/sf)	\$105.12
TAX ABATEMENT APPLICATION	\$175
TAX INCREMENT	Negotiated
TAXI LICENSE	\$100/year
TEMPORARY RIGHT OF WAY PERMIT	\$10/event
THEATER LICENSE, MOVIE	\$100/year
TOWERS, CELLULAR	
Small Cell Tower Application/Permit	\$1,500.00
Small Cell Tower Annual Rent	\$175/year/site
Small Cell Tower Annual Rent (if after July - first year)	\$100/first year/site
TREE TRIMMER LICENSE	\$100/year
VACATIONS (Streets, Alleys, etc.)	\$600.00
VARIANCE FROM ZONING ORDINANCE	\$600.00
WRECKING AND MOVING PERMITS	
120 - 4,000 cubic feet	\$100
4,001 + cubic feet	\$100 plus \$3 each 1,000 cu ft
Demolition and Moving Deposit - Required if dwelling has a basement; water turned off and disconnected and sewer plugged and cemented).	\$1,100

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WRECKING AND MOVING PERMITS (CONTINUED)	
Asbestos Sample	\$35
State Surcharge	\$1
Investigation Fee - No Permit Issued	Permit Fee Doubles
SEWER AND WATER UTILITIES	
INFLOW AND INFILTRATION, Non-conforming	\$50/month
SANITARY SEWER, BILLING RATES	
Base Service Charge (based on meter size)	(Approximately 7% increase)
5/8"	\$21.40
3/4" (1.5 times flow rate of 5/8" meter)	\$32.10
1" (2.5 times flow rate of 5/8" meter)	\$53.50
1 1/2" (5 times flow rate of 5/8" meter)	\$107.00
2" (8 times flow rate of 5/8" meter)	\$171.20
3" (16 times flow rate of 5/8" meter)	\$342.40
4" (25 times flow rate of 5/8" meter)	\$535.00
6" (50 times flow rate of 5/8" meter)	\$1,070.00
Consumption	0.02743/cubic foot
Industrial Limits/100 lbs based on sewage concentration	
BOD's > 300 mg/l	\$35.95
Suspended Solids > 320 mg/l	\$33.71
TKN > 40 mg/l	\$86.14
Late Fee	5%
SANITARY SEWER AND WATER CONNECTION INSPECTION FEE	
Sewer or Water Connection Inspection Fee	\$50
Investigation Fee - No Permit Issued	Fee Doubles
SANITARY SEWER AND WATER DEVELOPMENT	
Residential	
Sewer Access Charge - Standard	\$1,000/access
Water Access Charge - Standard	\$800/access
Commercial/Industrial	
Sewer Access Charge	\$2,000/acre
Water Access Charge	\$1,600/acre
WATER, BILLING RATES	
Base Service Charge (based on meter size)	(Approximately 5% increase)
5/8"	\$21.00
3/4" (1.5 times flow rate of 5/8" meter)	\$31.50
1" (2.5 times flow rate of 5/8" meter)	\$52.50
1 1/2" (5 times flow rate of 5/8" meter)	\$105.00
2" (8 times flow rate of 5/8" meter)	\$168.00
3" (16 times flow rate of 5/8" meter)	\$336.00
4" (25 times flow rate of 5/8" meter)	\$525.00
6" (50 times flow rate of 5/8" meter)	\$1,050.00
Residential Consumption	
Usage From 0 - 800	.02273/Cubic Foot
Usage From 801 - 2,500	.02842/Cubic Foot
Usage over > 2,500	.03644/Cubic Foot
Commercial/Industrial Consumption	
0 - 100,000	.02273/Cubic Foot
> 100,000	.01467/Cubic Foot
Late Fee	5%
Senior Citizen/Disability Discount	Removes the base service charges
WATER FOR CONSTRUCTION	
Up to 10,000 gallons	\$82.69/year
Up to 20,000 gallons	\$165.38/year
> 20,000 gallons	\$34.09/1,000 Cubic Feet
Deposit	\$150.00
WATER METERS	
5/8"	\$315
3/4"	\$400
1"	\$495
1 1/2"	\$985
2"	\$1,180
3"	\$3,320
4"	\$3,960
6"	\$6,590
WATER READINGS FOR AUXILIARY METERS	\$25/meter

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WATER METER READINGS BY TOUCH PAD READER	\$15/month
WATER SAMPLES	
Collection Time	\$50/hour plus mileage
pH	\$10
Conductivity	\$14
Salinity	\$15
Alkalinity, Chloride or Nitrate	\$16
Fluoride, Hardness or Iron	\$17
Coliform, Fecal or Phosphate, Total	\$18
Chlorine	\$20
Coliform, Total	\$21
Ammonia	\$22
Oxygen, Disolved	\$27
Oxygen Demand, Biological or Chemical	\$30
Chlorophyll	\$40
WATER METER REMOVAL OR REINSTALL	
5/8 meter or 3/4 meter	\$100/removal \$100/reinstall
1 inch to 4 inch meter	\$200/removal \$200/reinstall
6 inch meter	\$300/removal \$300/reinstall
WATER, SHUT OFF/TURN ON	
Shut Off at Curb for less than 24 Hours - All Meters	No Charge
Turn On or Turn Off at Curb	\$50/turn-on \$50/turn-off
Turn on Delinquent Account	\$100
Turn On After Hours Call out, Non-emergency	\$175
WATERMAIN, TAPPING	
1"	\$400
1 1/2"	\$500
2"	\$600

January Parks and Recreation Department Updates from Staff

Recreation: Report provided by Bob Furland and Afton Wacholz;

- Recreation Coordinator, Dani Bakken, welcomed a son, Griffin Jo, on Saturday, January 4.
- Learn to Skate Session 5 began on January 5
 - Snowplow Sam ages 3-5 – 3 classes of 13, 10 and 17 participants
 - Basic ages 6 and older – 3 classes of 9, 8 and 8 participants
 - 65 total participants – our largest session yet
 - 12 high school staff – Figure Skaters and Girls Hockey Players
- Outdoors rinks were ready for skating on Friday, January 10. Automatic lights started up and Warming Houses had a soft opening that weekend. Regular Warming House hours started Monday, January 13.
 - Monday-Friday 5-8 p.m. open at Hawthorne, Lakeview and Hayek
 - Saturday and Sunday 1-8 p.m. open at Lakeview, Hayek and Academy
 - 9 total staff covering shifts
 - Due to dangerously low wind chills, Warming Houses closed Sunday, January 19 and Monday, January 20
 - Lakeview park will host the Pond Hockey Tournament for the Big Freeze on Saturday, February 8
- Winter Adult Women's and Co-Ed Volleyball League started the week of January 13
 - Women's league plays on Monday evenings with 7 teams participating
 - Co-Ed league plays on Wednesday evenings with 8 teams participating
 - All games played at the Armory
- Special Olympics Young Athletes program began Tuesday, January 21
 - 19 total participants ages 3.5-6 years old
 - Children of all abilities learn basic sport skills, like running, kicking and throwing
- Weight training and Pilates fitness classes with Annie begin January 27
 - Currently have 12 and 11 participants registered
 - Meets on Monday and Wednesdays at the Senior Center
- Winter Candle Light Walk will be held at Myre-Big Island State Park Feb 15 6-8 PM. This is a collaborative event with the DNR.

Parks: Report provided by Ryan Hajek and Mike Westney;

- Tree trimming
- 2025 EAB treatment list
- Maintenance of outdoor hockey and skating rinks at four locations – Lakeview, Hawthorne, Academy and Hayek. City staff dedicated 124 hours to rink construction and repairs, followed by an additional 175 hours of flooding. Each morning staff flood each rink with approximately 2,000 gallons of water and if the weather and time allows they will put a second flood on in the afternoon.
- Frank Hall door replacements on public bathrooms to prepare for electronic locks
- Picnic table repairs
- Building & equipment maintenance
- Purchasing new equipment

- Purchasing new playground equipment for Ginkel & Lakeview

City Arena: Report provided by Bob Furland/Josh Heilman;

- Facility updates –
 - Water conservation project is completed; replaced urinals and toilets as well as flush valves
 - Sealing of the building envelope is completed; replaced and added weather stripping
 - New ref room is completed and was no cost to the City through the generous donations from Attig Construction, Geneva Lumber, Rink Systems and Albert Lea Electric
 - Lighting upgrade will kick-off January 27 in the Colstrup Arena
 - Low E Ceiling in Colstrup will begin February 10
 - Colstrup compressor will be shut down February 20
 - Demo electrical on Colstrup system beginning March 17
 - Cap fire protection on March 17
 - Start demo of the Colstrup floor March 19
- Events -
 - Youth Hockey
 - Albert Lea Hockey Day 2025 January 25
 - U8 Boys and Girls Tournament February 1 and 2
 - C Bantam Tournament February 8 and 9
 - A Bantam District Tournament February 14-16
 - Waldorf
 - Last home game for D1 will be held on February 8
 - High School
 - Tiger High School Hockey schedules can be found at Big9.org
 - Last girls high school game will be January 25; Section play begins the week of February 3
 - Last boys high school game will be February 11; Section play begins the week of February 17
 - Figure Skating
 - Annual show March 1 and 2
- Other events –
 - January Public Skate schedule is on Facebook and the City web page; February calendar will be released the last week in January
 - Watch Facebook for weekly schedule events at the arena.
 - In December, the City Arena had 28.6 K visits and 10 K visitors. (per Placer data)

Aquatic Center: Report provided by Bob Furland/Josh Heilman;

- No new report

Senior Center: Report provided by Bob Furland;

- Trips -
 - none
- Programs/Events –

- Mondays 10:30 Building Bones, 1:00 PM Bingo
- Tuesdays 9:00 AM Sail / 10:00 AM Quilting / 1:00 PM Crafts
- Wednesday Bingo 1:00 PM
- Thursday 11:30 Bridge, 12:00PM 500, 1:00 PM Knitting
- Friday Aerobics 9:00 AM

Marion Ross Theater: Report provided by Bob Furland;

- Facility Updates –
 - Staff is working with Apex on the front windows and doors project. This includes tinting the glass and placing ADA doors and openers.
 - Apex project water conservation done, included replacing all flush valves and toilets.
- Upcoming events -
 - **February 1 PM 7:30 PM concert The Crown Jewels** – Tribute to Queen The Crown Jewels are the Midwest’s premier tribute to Queen, one of the greatest rock bands ever.
 - **Feb. 8 – 7:30 p.m. The Story Show – Better Together**
 - Eight local writers will share stories written on the theme “Better Together.” This season’s show will benefit the Freeborn County Promise Scholarship, which offers graduating seniors from Freeborn County, the opportunity to attend Riverland Community College is free.

Other: Report provided by Cathy Malakowsky;

Snyder Field Improvements (one of the Board’s top 5 priorities): At its meeting on Jan. 13, the Albert Lea City Council approved a \$30,000 agreement with an engineering firm to design improvements to Snyder Fields. The City started making changes to the ballfields in 2022 for the first time in decades. Drainage was installed in 2022, with new fencing and dugouts in 2023. Now the City is considering improvements to the concession stand, bathrooms, walkways and parking area, along with a picnic area and playground. Some of the changes are needed to meet ADA requirements. The goal is to have plans ready for review by the Parks and Rec Board this spring. If the Council approves the plans, then the City would work with baseball and softball groups to raise funds this year with construction in 2026.

Update on developing the Union-Pacific rail to trail (one of the Board’s top 5 priorities):: Also Jan. 13, the Albert Lea City Council voted to support a grant application by Freeborn County for funding toward the proposed trail along the former UP rail corridor. The city and county, with extensive public input, completed a [Trail Action Plan](#) in 2023 that envisions a 15-mile-long paved trail from Front Street in Albert Lea to Hartland. Freeborn County plans to apply for \$1 million grant from the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) to partially fund the first phase, which is 6.4 miles from Fountain Street to Manchester. MnDOT has \$12.5 million in Active Transportation fund available for infrastructure projects. The grants range from \$50,000 to \$1 million per project selected.

Go jump in the lake ... for a good cause! Mayor Rich Murray challenges community members to take part in the “Plunge for the Playground” fund-raiser for the All Together Inclusive Playground. Murray

plans to jump in Fountain Lake himself at the event, set for Saturday, Feb. 8, at 11 a.m. at the Edgewater Bay Pavilion, 1940 Edgewater Drive. While the playground equipment and rubberized surface have been installed, the All Together volunteer group is still raising money to complete the project. The playground, designed for people of all abilities, is set to open this spring on the west end of Edgewater Park. Teams can sign up on the [All Together Facebook page](#).

Blazing Star State Trail: Ulland Brothers, the contractor hired by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, is progressing on extending the Blazing Star Trail from Myre-Big Island State Park to Hayward. The work includes a bridge over Albert Lea Lake. Trail users should be on the lookout for closures of a 1-mile segment from the park's visitor center heading east due to the construction. When completed in 2025, the trail will run between Frank Hall Park, 505 Frank Ave., in Albert Lea to Hayward. The project is funded by the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust fund, Federal Recreational Trail and Transportation Alternatives programs, 2020 state bonding, and the Parks and Trails Legacy Fund. Visit the [trail webpage](#) for future updates.

Senior Center: The Recreation Department and Albert Lea Family Y kicked off an evaluation of the Senior Center on Jan. 8 with several community partners and Senior Center members participating. We are following a process established by the National Council on Aging/Institute of Senior Centers. The process includes 9 standards, and project team will focus on all 9 standards over the next 7 months, including programming and location.

New stormwater project with trails: At its meeting Jan. 27, the Albert Lea City Council will vote on an engineering agreement to design a \$1 million stormwater project, funded mostly by a state grant. The project would consist of an extensive rain garden at 1300 Front Street with public trails for walking. The area is prone to flooding and the stormwater basins would help hold and filter stormwater. The city owns the project site and will use a Stormwater Resiliency Grant of \$886,000 to pay for most of the project.

New referee changing room: If visiting the City Arena, look for the new referee changing room in the skate-changing area outside the Nystrom Rink. Originally part of the referendum plans for the Arena, local companies built the room as a donation. Attig Construction, Geneva Lumber, Rink Systems and Albert Lea Electric donated supplies and services totaling around \$6,500 in value.

**** Top 5 Project Updates:**

Restrooms by Splash Pad –

- Agenda item for January meeting

Develop the Union Pacific rail to trail –

- See update under Cathy's report

Develop an off-season field house –

- Status of the non-city group working on this idea?

Upgrade Snyder Fields –

- See update under Cathy's report

Update aging facilities, including the City Arena and Aquatic Center –

- See staff reports