

Date: February 21, 2007

To: Mayor and Council Members

From: John Archocosky

RE: Monthly Activity Report

The last half of January and the first few weeks of this month have become quite typical from a U.P. weather perspective. Along with the cooling trend has come the normal issue of freezing water lines. The lack of adequate snow cover has driven the frost down several feet and has begun to affect some of the residential lines. The Water Department has contacted the list of customers who experience freeze ups and have directed them to let their water run until the weather changes. In spite of the notices some residents which haven't had problems in the past have frozen. Fortunately, no main lines have been affected to date.

The City crew has been brushing the right of way for the new water line construction in Mineral Hills anticipating an early spring startup. As mentioned in the pending issue report, the city will be furnishing several hydrants which we have been able to rebuild during the winter months. These efforts will save the project several thousands of dollars which will be used to extend the main line construction as far as possible within the budget constraints.

Next year's budget process has began and I anticipate that we will want to schedule a workshop sometime next month to review our current status and any anticipated major changes. We were advised by the MML that Governor Granholm has recommended that there be no reductions in Revenue Sharing allocations for the cities. Further, during her State of the State report she indicated that government units that work toward consolidation of services will be rewarded. Hopefully we will be at the top of her list considering we are the only city in the state to have accomplished this goal already. We will be reminding our legislators and her staff of our status and lobbying for special consideration.

All of our special projects are moving forward as planned. The city's economic development team is counting on seen their hard efforts produce some noticeable results beginning this spring.

Although our first public hearing for the City's 5 Year Recreation Plan was not well attended, several good ideas were brought forward by those present and will be incorporated into the plan. Our City Clerk Peggy deserves special recognition for taking on the time consuming process of assembling all the information for the Recreation Committee. With all that is going on in our city offices she still managed to make time to get this done on our behalf. Thanks Peg!