

CITY OF JORDAN

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City Council Meetings- 116 E. 1st Street
1st Monday—6:30 P.M.
3rd Monday—6:30 P.M.

City Council Members:
Mayor Tanya Velishek
Jeremy Goebel
Terry Stier
Jeff Will
Brenda Lieske
Mike Franklin
Dale Oldenburg

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JORDAN CITY NEWS

Mission Statement

The foundation of Jordan is built on a small town historic presence that supports quality services, collaboration, leadership, and a well-planned future.

December 2016



Jordan Goes to Monthly Water Billing

Beginning January 1, 2017, the City of Jordan will be switching to monthly water billing. City water will now be billed monthly similar to most of your other bills.



Avoid writing checks! Sign up for ACH! Payments will be automatically deducted from your bank account. Receive a \$20 credit on your first bill just for signing up!

Do you know about budget billing? This allows your payment to remain the same each month. **Sign up today!**

If you have questions, please call City Hall at (952) 492-2535 or visit www.jordanmn.gov.

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Municipal Election Results

Thank you to Superintendent Helgerson and the staff at the Community Education/Recreation Center (CERC) for allowing the elections to take place at their new facility. Voters had much more room to cast their votes and move around. Thanks too for the election judges who worked so hard while serving almost 3,000 voters on November 8th.

Minnesota had the highest voter turnout (74.7%) than any other state in the United States.

The following were elected to serve on the Jordan City Council:

Mayor: Tanya Velishek

Councilmembers: Terry Stier
Jeff Will
Robert Whipps

The new members will be given the Oath of Office at the January 3, 2017 Council meeting. Their terms are for four years.

We anticipate a very busy and exciting year ahead for the City of Jordan!

Meet New Councilmember Robert Whipps



Robert (Robbie) Whipps and his wife, Stephanie, both grew up in Jordan and moved back to town this summer. He currently works as an Assistant Le Sueur County Attorney and with the Law Office of Christian, Keogh, Moran, & King in Le-center. Robert looks forward to serving our community and helping make Jordan a better place to live, work, and play.

Thank You to Dale Oldenburg

Thank you to outgoing Councilmember Dale Oldenburg for his service to the City of Jordan. Dale previously served on the Council for eight years and recently filled former Councilmember Velishek's spot on the Council since March of this year.

Calendar of Events



Christmas Tree Pickup January 4,5,11,12

Winter Reminders

- ⇒ **Stay 70 feet (4 car lengths) from snowplow trucks so the driver can see you.**
- ⇒ **Please keep your vehicles at least 50 feet from large snow piles. This will enable the public works staff the ability to safely remove the snow.**
- ⇒ **If your mailbox was in good condition and it accidentally got struck by a city snowplow, the City would be responsible for its replacement. Please contact City Hall with your address. A temporary box may be installed until spring.**
- ⇒ **If you have a fire hydrant in your yard, please take a few minutes to clear the snow around it. A 3-foot clearance is recommended.**

Snow Removal Information



Who is responsible for clearing specific roadway?

The City of Jordan Public Works Department is responsible for clearing approximately 35 miles of roads. Scott County maintains county state aid highways (including County Road 9, County Road 66,

and County Road 61). The State plows TH Hwy 169, TH 282, and TH 21.

What roads are plowed first?

After a snowfall of one inch, plowing and salting operations begin on the main collector streets and then local streets, cul-de-sacs, alleys, and then city owned sidewalks and trails are cleared. During the heavier snowfalls, street driving lanes are plowed curb to curb. During these storms, street parking restrictions are enforced until streets are plowed curb to curb.

Where do I put my trash cart during a snowstorm?

Please keep your trash carts behind the curb on garbage collection days so they are not in the way of the snowplow trucks.



Code Red Notification System / Snow Removal Ordinance

Effective October 1, 2015, an amendment to City of Jordan Code 73.09 governing snow removal and street parking during snowfall events takes effect. Amended City of Jordan Code 73.09 shall read:

It is unlawful for any person to park a vehicle on any street after a continuous or intermittent snowfall during which there has been an accumulation of one (1) inch or more of snow, or when a Snow Emergency is declared, until all snow, ice and similar debris has been plowed or removed from the paved portion of the street. Except that on First Street and Water Street, from Mill Street to Varner Street, parking shall be allowed on even-numbered days for vehicles parked on the even-numbered side of the street and, on odd-numbered days for vehicles parked on the odd-numbered side of the street until the street is plowed curb to curb.

Snow Emergencies will be declared by the City solely by text message and email through the Code Red Notification System provided by Scott County. City of Jordan residents can register free of charge for the Code Red Notifications System to receive alerts for various notification types including Emergencies, General, and Severe Weather. The geographical alert area is based on the home address you provide, thus you will only receive alerts that may directly affect you.

To receive snow emergency declarations from the City of Jordan, it is very important to register for the Code Red Notification System by visiting <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/EA5343CC0ED6> or by visiting Scott County's main website and selecting the CODE RED icon. Please be sure to check GENERAL NOTIFICATIONS in the alert types section to ensure you receive snow emergency alerts from our City.

******If you reside within the ODD / EVEN PARKING AREA please park on the odd or even side of the street corresponding to what the date will change to after midnight as our public works department generally begins curb to curb snow removal between 4 a.m. and 6 a.m. Example – It's 6 p.m. on Dec. 1 and you park your vehicle for the night, the correct side of the street to park on is the EVEN side as at midnight the date will change to Dec. 2.******

HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

New Water and Sewer Rates for 2017

Boulevard Tree Trimming

At their December 5th meeting, the Council approved Ordinance 2016-08 setting the 2017 fee schedule which includes the new water and sewer rates.

Water Usage Charges:

\$5.26 per thousand up to 30,000 gallons
 \$6.73 per thousand from 30k-60k
 \$8.20 per thousand from 60k on up
 Water monthly availability charge \$9.62

Sewer Usage Charges:

\$6.80 per thousand gallons
 Sewer monthly availability charge \$14.00
 Storm sewer residential per month \$6.22

Street Lighting Fee:

\$1.88 per month

These new rates will go into effect January 1, 2017. Your bills will increase approximately 6.4% or \$4.09/month in 2017.

If you have any questions about your utility fees, please feel free to call Morey Schaefer, Finance Director, at 952-492-2535.

Pruning of boulevard and right-of way trees is done by the City on an as-needed basis. This trimming is done to provide safe and unimpeded access on City streets for all large vehicles and emergency vehicles. The City does not prune trees in these areas for aesthetic reasons.

The City of Jordan Public Works Department trims trees up 12' from the ground so their branches don't obstruct the path of snowplow trucks. They trim the tree branches to the trunk of the tree as recommended by arborists.

For most trees, the dormant season, late fall or winter, is the best time to prune although dead branches can and should be removed at any time. Pruning during the dormant period minimizes sap loss and subsequent stress to the tree. It also minimizes the risk of fungus infection or insect infestation.

Pruning when the leaves are off will give you a better idea of how your pruning will affect the shape of the tree.

Things You Should Know

DO YOU NEED CAR TABS!

Minnesota law requires all owners to provide insurance information when registering, re-registering or transferring ownership of a vehicle. Information required: insurance company's name, policy number, and policy expiration date. **Tags cannot be issued unless the insurance information is available.**



DOG TAGS

Dog licenses expire on December 31st. Dog tags are available at City Hall for \$10 for the calendar year. Please bring your proof of rabies vaccination when you register your animal.

SNOWMOBILE REGULATIONS

Listed below are the snowmobile regulations for the 2016-2017 season:

- ◇ The speed limit citywide is 10 miles per hour.
- ◇ Operation prohibited within city limits from 11:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m.
- ◇ Operation is prohibited on all sidewalks and boulevards.
- ◇ Operation on private property is prohibited unless permission has been given by the owner of the property.
- ◇ Operation on city streets is only allowed by residents who are traveling from their residence to the nearest designated trail. The operator must then take the most direct route from the city trail system to city limits, state trail or county trail.
- ◇ Persons 14 or 15 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- ◇ Operation by a person under the age of 13 is prohibited in city limits.
- ◇ Operators born after December 31, 1976 must have in their possession a valid safety certificate issued by the State of Minnesota.
- ◇ Operation is prohibited on any lands owned by a public body or on frozen waters, including, but not limited to: school grounds, park property, playgrounds, recreational areas, private roads, platted but unimproved roads, utility easements, public trails and golf courses.
- ◇ An operator may not operate a snowmobile in a manner so as to create a loud, unnecessary or unusual noise which disturbs, annoys or interferes with the peace and quiet of other persons.
- ◇ Operators must make a complete stop at all uncontrolled intersections and yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and automobile traffic.



CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

Dick's Sanitation will be picking up Christmas trees on January 4, 5, 11 and 12. Please remove all ornaments and bags from the tree and put curbside by 7:00 a.m.

BURNING PERMITS

Recreational Burning Permits expire on December 31st. 2017 permits can be applied for after the 1st of the year and will remain at \$20 for the calendar year.

SKATING HOURS

The hockey rink will be open when we have sufficient cold weather to make ice. Once open, hours of operation will be from noon until 10:00 p.m.

Lagoon Pond skating will be open when there is 8-10 inches of ice on the pond. Hours are also noon until 10:00 p.m.

GARBAGE INFORMATION



On December 21st and 22nd, Elite will have a truck following the collection truck to remove the recycling containers from the City. On December 28th and 29th, Elite will have a truck following the collection truck to remove the garbage containers from the City.

Dick's Sanitation Inc. (DSI) will be the City of Jordan's new garbage hauler starting in January 2017. DSI will be delivering their new carts the last two weeks in December. Please don't use the DSI carts until the first week in January. For more information, contact DSI at 952-469-2239.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

The Planning Commission was very busy this year reviewing a variety of planning applications and text amendments. This year we welcomed 3 new commissioners Toni Walsh, Jane Bohlman and Jesse Soller. We also said good bye to Gene Flynn, a long standing member. There were four minor subdivisions that were approved by the commissioners. There was also one conditional use permit that was approved and there were no variance applications this year. The planning commissioners researched and reviewed nine text amendments and subdivision ordinances including policies on food trucks, short term rentals definition, off street parking for restaurants and allowing taller buildings in the downtown area achieving a goal of the Downtown Master Vision. There were five site and building plans that were reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission also began working on the 2040 Jordan Comprehensive Plan by completing a community-wide survey, two open houses, and drafting 5 of the chapters. The Planning Commission worked very hard this year acting as an advisory commission to the City Council.