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Your City Representatives

2016 Election

Mayor

Jim Timmerman ran unopposed for a second term as the Mayor of Gretna. His second term began on December 20, 2016 at the swearing in ceremony at the Gretna City Council meeting.

Councilmembers

Councilmembers Doug Clark and Jeff Wollenburg decided not to run for re-election to the Gretna City Council. Logan Herring and Angie Lauritsen were elected in their respective Wards for four year terms on the City Council. They were sworn in as Councilmembers at the December 20th Gretna City Council meeting.

Jason Stahr and Gregg Dahlheim are midway through their 4 year term.

City Goals

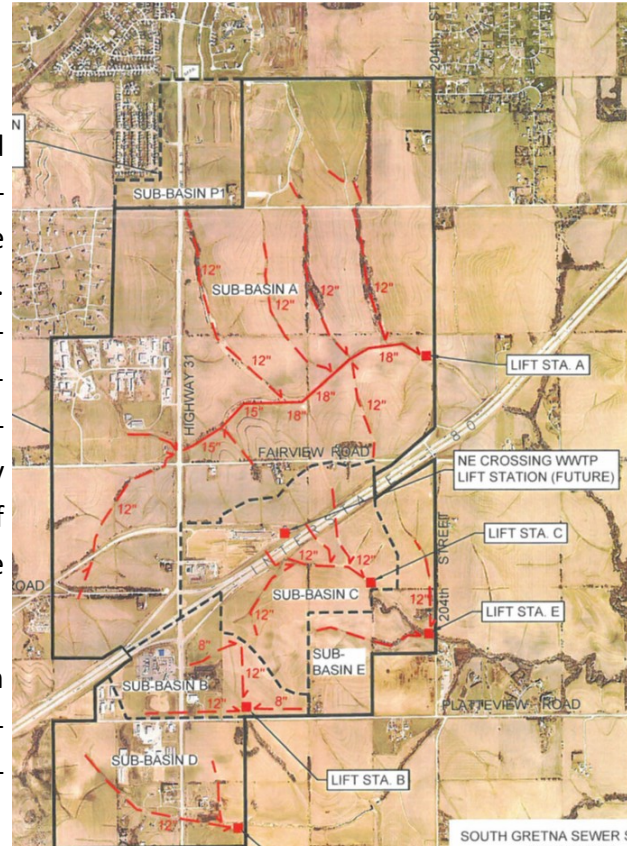
The Mayor, City Council, Councilmembers elect, and Staff met this month to review accomplishments from the past years and determine future goals for the City. We will be reporting on the direction of the City through the Goal Setting process in our next City News- letter.



SOUTH SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT

One of the Goals that the Mayor and City Council determined a few years ago, was to extend sewer service south to Interstate 80 on and near Highway 31 and extend sewer service south of Interstate 80. The project is now coming to reality. The City bid the first section of this sewer project with construction starting this winter. The second section of the project is planned to be bid in the spring of 2017 for summer construction. This project will ultimately open approximately 2,500 acres to development. The City has met with many of the property owners in the area and they are very supportive of the project.

This project is planned to be financed solely by the connection fees to this system. The City is utilizing State of Nebraska Revolving Loan Funds to minimize the financing costs for the project.



The City has found several existing businesses who are in need to this sanitary sewer system and have had a few contacts for potential projects. The estimated cost of this entire project will be \$5.1 million.

STREET PROJECTS

The City is developing two major street projects for the next 2 to 3 construction seasons. The first project will be 216th Street from Angus Street to Gruenther Road. The second project is 204th Street from Highway 370 south to the City Limits. In both cases, the streets need some reconstruction, curb and gutter, installation of a storm sewer system, and installation of a trail. Other utility needs will be examined during the design stage.

There are several logistical issues with both projects. These issues include the ability of residents to access their property during construction, the need for street elevation changes which still need to match existing streets and driveways, school bus routes, and the cost of the improvements.



As these projects move forward in design, the City will be meeting with the abutting property owners to review the issues that affect them.



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