



heart of the prairie PRAIRIE POST

MARCH 2020

NOTES FROM THE ACTING MAYOR

There have been questions regarding the appointment of former Mayor Zach Hendrickson to the position of interim City Administrator and myself as Acting Mayor, a position which I have held since January 2019. In a Statutory A city government, which Clarkfield is, the Council appoints the position of City Administrator. This means if someone is interested in the open position of City Administrator, is qualified and a good fit for the position, they can be appointed by the Council to the position, no advertising needed. If no one expresses an interest in the position then an ad is placed, applicants are interviewed and a person is hired. Hope this clears up some questions.

I received a letter in the mail this week from a Clarkfield Citizen, this is what it said:

"Susan Fritz

The people of Clarkfield knew you were not for them when the school demo started, again with the street assessments, then the west gym and cafe. Now you are part of a railjob for Amanda to give Zach a big job (which he is not qualified for) and yourself Mayor (what a joke). WHEN WILL IT END. The corruption and LIES. Do you have to bankrupt and kill the town to be happy? Thought you were better than that. Amanda has gotten in your head and changed you (not for the better). The citizens of this town are not going to put up with this much longer. Amanda's time is coming to an end and so is yours. I would step down if you know what's best for you (know one likes you). This whole mess will get ugly before it's over.

Clarkfield Citizen"

The above is the type of communication that does no one any good. Open and honest communication is best. Your council members work hard to view all aspects of an issue and to make the best decision for the community. The council members don't always agree with each other but we respect each other and listen to each other's opinions. We have had many people coming to council meetings lately and I view that as a step in the right direction. The more citizens learn about their city the better. Please continue to communicate with us in a calm and respectful manner. That is the only way to move forward and thrive.

Sue Fritz
Acting Mayor—City of Clarkfield

COUNCIL VACANCY— COUNCIL POSITION

The City of Clarkfield is accepting applications from citizens interested in an appointment to fill the remaining terms of a council position. The term will expire on December 31, 2020.

The Council may appoint any individual who is eligible. To be eligible a person must be a U.S. citizen, a resident of the City and at least 21 years of age. The Council is not obligated to appoint any candidate previously defeated in an election for the office (MN Const. Article VII subd. 6)

Applications forms are due by Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at 4:00 PM, and are available at the city office or by calling (320) 669-4435. Applications will be reviewed at April 7, 2020 city council meeting to fill the position. Action will take place at the April 21, 2020 city council meeting.

COUNCIL MEETING

1st & 3rd TUESDAYS of
each month at 7:00 PM.
City Hall Meeting Room

ELECTED OFFICIALS

MAYOR

Zachery Hendrickson
mayor@clarkfield.org

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Dale Stringer Jr.
(320) 226-6857

Sue Fritz
council2@clarkfield.org

Jerry Kaupang
council3@clarkfield.org

Melinda Hedman
council4@clarkfield.org

CITY OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - THURSDAY
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

FRIDAY
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

CITY ADMINISTRATOR
Amanda Luepke
amluepke@clarkfield.org

LIBRARY HOURS

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY
10:00 AM - 5:30 PM

THURSDAY
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM/
2:00 PM - 6:30 PM

FRIDAY
1:00 PM - 5:30 PM

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EDA BOARD OPENINGS

The EDA Board has experienced a recent resignation, leaving a vacancy to be filled. There are currently two vacancies. The board meets the 4th **Monday** at 6:00 PM each month. For more information, please contact the city office at 320-669-4435.

CLOSED FOR TRAINING

The City Office will also will closed Monday, March 16 through Thursday, March 19, 2020 office staff will be attending trainings.

UPCOMING CARDINAL EVENTS

- Spring Fling Dance—March 29, 2020
- Pancake Fundraiser & Easter Egg Hunt—April 11, 2020
- Block Party on Main Street—June 9, 2020
- 80's Party at The Filling Station—June 13, 2020
- Cardinal Days—July 17-19, 2020
- Trunk-N-Treat—October 31, 2020
- Fall Fundraiser—November 2020 TBD
- Santa Event—December 2020 TBD

Check out the Clarkfield Prairie Cardinals on Facebook for more information on upcoming events.

Spring Fling Dance

March 29th, 2020

2:00-4:00pm

Parents & Grandparents are encouraged to attend!

ALL Children of Clarkfield, preschool - 6th grade are invited to join in the fun!!

Proceeds will go towards new playground equipment at the Clarkfield Area Charter School.

Clarkfield Area Charter School

Event organized by the Clarkfield Prairie Cardinals

\$5 per person, Family max \$20

CLARKFIELD FIRE DEPT

BYOB - LIVE MUSIC - RAFFLE - FOOD

\$10

Happy St. Patrick's Day

SATURDAY MARCH 14

8PM TO MIDNIGHT
SECOND NOTION

\$1 RAFFLE TICKETS



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