2020 City of Big Lake Election Update

***NEW for 2020***

SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL VACATED STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 30A SEAT

Due to a vacancy in the State Representative District 30A seat, the City of Big Lake will be holding two Special Elections to fill the vacated seat prior to the start of Session. All three City voting Precincts will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and voters are required to vote at their designated polling location. Polling location information can be found at the MN Secretary of States website at: https://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/. Special Elections will be held on the following dates:

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2020 for the Special PRIMARY Election
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2020 for the Special GENERAL Election

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION PRIMARY ELECTION

In 2016, legislation was passed establishing a PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION PRIMARY. The current election law specific to the presidential primary is in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 207A and Minnesota Rules Chapter 8215. Common questions about the presidential primary are answered below:

When will the Presidential Nomination Primary take place?

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020. Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

Will all parties participate in the presidential nomination primary?

No, only major political parties will participate. There are now four major political parties in the State of MN (listed alphabetically): Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party, Grassroots-Legalize Cannabis Party, Legalize Marijuana Now Party, and Republican Party.

Will all parties be on the same ballot?

No, each major party will have a separate ballot.

Who decides which candidates will appear on a party’s ballot?

The chair of each party will submit a list of candidates for the party’s ballot no later than 63 days before the presidential primary (December 31, 2019).

What if a candidate drops out before the primary?

Once a party’s list is submitted, changes will not be made to candidates that will appear on the ballot.

Will there be a place to write in a choice or vote for “uncommitted”?

Only if it is requested by the party chair. Party chairs will need to submit names of write-in candidates to be counted seven days before the primary.

Will any other offices be on the ballot?

No, only presidential candidates from a major party will appear on the presidential primary ballot. Other offices with a primary will be on the primary ballot in August.
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How will I be able to vote in the presidential nomination primary?

Registered voters will be able to vote at their polling place on presidential primary day or by absentee ballot in the 46 days before presidential primary day (starting January 17, 2020). To find out where you should vote, log onto the MN Secretary of State’s website at: https://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/.

A voter must request the ballot of the party of their choice. If a voter refuses to select a party, they will not be able to vote in the presidential nomination primary.

Will other people know which party’s ballot I request?

A voter’s choice of party ballot will be recorded and is private data. However, a list of who voted in a presidential nomination primary and the political party each voter selected will be provided to the chair of each major political party. How a voter voted on the ballot will be secret.

Will parties have to abide by the primary results?

The presidential primary results must bind the election of delegates in each party.

Who will pay for the presidential nomination primary?

County and municipalities will be reimbursed by the state for specific primary costs.

How much will the primary cost?

The Office of Secretary of State surveyed all 87 Minnesota Counties and, based on that survey, estimates that the cost to administer the Presidential Nomination Primary will be $11.9 million. The Secretary of State has certified this estimate to the Commissioner of Management and Budget. Counties and municipalities will be reimbursed for specific costs of administering the Presidential Nomination Primary following the election.

Will there still be precinct caucuses?

Yes, precinct caucuses and local and state nominating conventions will still take place to conduct other party business. Precinct caucuses will be held February 25, 2020, one week before the Presidential Nomination Primary.

Precinct caucuses are meetings run by Minnesota’s political parties. They are the first in a series of meetings where parties may endorse candidates, select delegates, and set goals and values (called party platforms).

The Presidential Nomination Primary includes requirements and procedures that are different than what Minnesota voters have known for previous state primaries. Most notably:

⇒ The requirement that one must state their major party preference;
⇒ A voter will be given a presidential “primary” ballot with only those party’s candidates on the ballot;
⇒ There will only be the one office (president) on the ballot and it will be one name only (not a team);
⇒ A party may choose to have “uncommitted” and “write-in” items on their ballot; and
⇒ The choice of major party ballot is private, except that it will be shared with the chairs of the major parties after voting history has been entered for the election.

Other 2020 Election Dates:

⇒ TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2020 for the PRIMARY ELECTION
⇒ TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020 for the GENERAL ELECTION

City Election Contact Information:

City residents can direct election questions to Big Lake City Clerk, Gina Wolbeck at gwolbeck@biglakemn.org, or by phone at 763-251-2973.
The 2020 Decennial Census is Coming!

Every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau is responsible for conducting the nationwide census. On April 1, 2020, you can fill out the questionnaire online, by paper, or by phone. An accurate count is crucial, to determine our representation in Congress, and to plan local funding.

You can help! In addition to completing your Census forms promptly, the U.S. Census Bureau needs Census Takers in every Community, to reach out to homes which have not returned their forms. Weekly paid work - $22/hour, paid training, and mileage reimbursement - $0.58/mile. Field work begins in late Spring.

Applicants are encouraged to apply online: 2020census.gov/jobs, or call 1-855-JOB-2020 to apply.

Parks Committee Opening!

Any City resident interested in serving on the Parks Advisory Committee may apply. Please describe your reason(s) for applying as well as your employment and/or educational background which may be relevant to the position. Letters of application should be mailed to or dropped off at: Big Lake City Hall, Attention: Corrie Scott, Recreation and Communication Coordinator, 160 Lake St N, Big Lake, MN 55309. Applications will be accepted until vacancies are filled.

Great River Regional Library Event Schedule

**January**
- Winter Reading Program Kickoff - Thursday, Jan. 2 @ 1 p.m.
- Storytime - Fridays (10, 17, 31) @ 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- ECFE @ the Library - Tuesday Jan. 14 @ 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
- “Who Done It?” Escape Room - Wed., Jan. 22 @ 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
- Mystery Art - Thursday, Jan. 23 @ 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- Yoga Storytime - Friday, Jan. 24 @ 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
- Valentine Craft - Monday, Jan. 27 @ 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

**February**
- Storytime - Fridays (7, 14, 21, 28) @ 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- “Who Done It?” Escape Room - Monday, Feb. 10 @ 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
- ECFE @ the Library - Tuesday Feb. 11 @ 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
- Yo Yos for Quilts - Wednesday, Feb. 12 @ 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
- Wall Pouch Basket Weaving - Thursday, Feb. 20 @ 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

For more information, go to the GRRL website at www.griver.org
City Summary Budget Statement

The purpose of this report is to provide summary 2020 budget information concerning the City of Big Lake to interested citizens. The budget is published in accordance with Minn. Stat. Sec. 471.6965. This budget is not complete: the complete budget may be examined at City Hall, 160 Lake Street N, Big Lake or one may contact the Finance Director via email at dwegeleben@biglakemn.org. The City Council approved this budget on December 11, 2019.

General Fund 2020 Adopted Budget

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<td>375,000</td>
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**Total - Current Year Revenues**

$5,027,454 $4,841,558 $5,393,700

Prior year donations - Designed Fund Balance

8,322 15,640 22,362

**TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES BUDGET**

$5,035,776 $4,857,198 $5,416,062

Expenditures

**General Government**

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<td>273,990</td>
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**TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE BUDGET**

$5,040,364 $5,131,187 $5,416,062

Increase (Decrease) In Fund Balance

$(4,588) $ -

Property Tax Levy Required to Fund This Budget

$2,899,510 $2,878,446 $3,291,711
**Taxes Help Maintain Our Quality Of Life**

For the safety of our community it costs $1.15 per day, less than the cost of an espresso

For the maintenance of the wonderful parks and lakes it costs $0.43 per day, less than the cost of an ice-cream cone

For the great crew that keeps our street in order it costs $0.25 per day

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**Enterprise Funds 2020 Adopted Budget**

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**Sales and Cost of Sales**

- **Gross Sales**
- **Cost of Sales (COS)**
- **Gross Profit**

**Operating Revenues**

- **Utilities Revenues**

**Total Gross Profit and Operating Revenues**

**Operating Expenses**

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<td>356,520</td>
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<td>934,061</td>
<td>1,397,595</td>
<td>68,000</td>
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**Total Operating Expenses**

| Utilities Revenues | 1,980,047 | 2,512,787 | 737,579 | 417,038 |

| Operating Income (Loss) | 216,294 | 184,371 | 455,328 | (159,166) |

| Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses) | 3,009 | 6,000 | 10,450 | 2,500 |

| Debt Service Interest and Charges | (157,156) | (330,504) | (10,091) | (39,641) |

**Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)**

**Income (Loss) before operating Transfers**

**Operating Transfer In (Out)**

| Net Income (Loss) | $ (97,378) | $(473,395) | $ 4,877 | $(378,807) |

**2020 Principal Debt Payment**

$ 803,355  $ 1,356,646  $ 79,937  $ -
Tis the Season for Snow Removal

Section 550 - Sidewalks: 550.01 Clean Walks Required. The owner or occupant of any premises in the City shall clear the sidewalk in front of or beside the premises, of snow and loose or melting ice within twenty-four hours after the completion of any snowfall.

The City received numerous complaints in previous winters regarding sidewalks which were not being consistently cleared of snow. Big Lake is a walkable community and many residents, especially children and those with physical handicaps who cannot drive, rely on the sidewalk system to safely navigate their neighborhoods and access community resources. It only takes one snowy/icy sidewalk section to force pedestrians into the road where their safety is compromised.

If a sidewalk is found out of compliance with the ordinance, the City’s authorized contractor will clear the sidewalk and the property owner will be sent a bill. The bill will include an administrative fee as well as the cost of the contractor’s hourly rate. The City’s authorized contractor will be performing a sweep of the City’s sidewalk system following any snow event that drops at least two inches of snow on the City or any series of snow events that leads to over two inches of accumulation. The authorized contractor will clear any snowy sidewalks and the property owners will be billed accordingly.

The City will always provide notice on its website and Facebook page before a sweep takes place and the City will always wait at least 24 hours after the snow has stopped before each sidewalk sweep. Please note that property owners must shovel their sidewalks even if less than two inches of snow has fallen. In addition to the automatic sweeps after heavy snowfalls, the City will also be sending out its authorized contractor to respond to complaints about un-shoveled sidewalks after any snow event.

You can learn more about the ordinance and sign up to receive text or email notifications prior to each sidewalk sweep by visiting this webpage: biglakemn.org/486/Sidewalk-Snow-Removal.

Questions? Please contact Trisha Lindahl at 763-251-1538 or tlindahl@biglakemn.org.

SICK OF WINTER DRIVING?

Try the Northstar Link Bus to St. Cloud & Commuter Rail to Minneapolis!

+ Convenient: daily service to/from the Big Lake Northstar Station!
+ Affordable: it’s cheaper than driving!
+ Fast: don't get stuck in traffic!
+ Fun: special routes for Vikings/Twins games & special events!
+ Productive: there's free WiFi on-board!

Schedules: metrotransit.org/route/888 & catchthelink.com Questions: twyatt-yerka@biglakemn.org or 763-307-6040
Snow Season Reminders

⇒ Please keep in mind, property owners are responsible to clear snow around their mailbox. The City will consider making repairs to mailboxes only if the snowplow equipment physically hits the mailbox or post, and only if the mailbox conforms to City Ordinance installation requirements. Contact Big Lake Public Works at 763-263-2268 with mailbox complaints.

⇒ To prevent damage to lawns, landscape, irrigation heads or other items that will get buried under the snow along the curb or edge of the road, it is recommended that residents clearly mark these areas with reflective stakes.

⇒ It is illegal to deposit snow on any City street.

Winter Parking

Parking is not allowed on any City street or roadway between November 1 and April 1 of each year, during the hours of 12:01 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.

⇒ After a snowfall of two inches or more, all streets in the City will be cleared of all motor vehicles for the purpose of snowplowing and/or snow removal.

⇒ If your vehicle should have mechanical failure and cannot be removed from the street during the required dates/times, please contact the Big Lake Police Department at 763-251-2996 and advise the officer on duty. This may help in avoiding a citation and/or your vehicle being impounded.

Municipal Liquor Store

Thank you for supporting your local liquor store where all profits from the store are poured back into the Big Lake community and help to pay for infrastructure projects and reduce the tax burden on Big Lake residents.

A lot happened for Lake Liquors in 2019! The parking lot had some much needed work done, the community helped raise over $1,000 for the Fire Department and the Lake Liquor Loyalty Club began in March 2019. Craft beer selections continue to expand in 2020, but keep in mind that customer requests are always welcome!

The spring wine sale will take place at the end of March 2020. Lake Liquors will be partnering with The Big Lake Food Shelf for a fundraiser to kick off the 9 days of savings before Easter.

Discount Days:
⇒ Monday: Senior Discount (age 62+) - 10% off regular priced items
⇒ Tuesdays: Wine Day - 10% off regular priced wines

Regular Store Hours:
⇒ Monday - Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
⇒ Sunday: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Holiday Hours:
⇒ Tuesday, December 24: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
⇒ Wednesday, December 25: Closed
⇒ Wednesday, January 1: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Big Lake Police Department Partners with Neighborhoods

The world of social media and online services continues to evolve at a head spinning pace. At your Big Lake Police Department, we currently work diligently to stay ahead of the curve and to engage with our community in a variety of very successful avenues. We currently have nearly 11,000 people following us on Facebook. If you are not amongst those, please join along for the ride at facebook.com/biglakemn.org/. Our next highly successful social media platform has been through the new-comer to the block, Nextdoor.com. We have nearly 1,800 households joining us on this platform. You can also join along with us at nextdoor.com/agency-detail/mn/big-lake/big-lake-police-department/.

Nextdoor.com allows us to push out alerts specific to our 21 designated neighborhoods and receive alerts which have a critical public safety message.

Over the past year, the use of cameras in residences has become a rapidly growing home security measure and a source of evidence to solve many crimes for law enforcement. There are a number of quality vendors including Arlo, Nest, and Ring just to name a few. Each of these services has its own ability to share activity with your neighbors through their product. In November of 2019, the Big Lake Police Department went live with a new program developed by Ring, which allows all video users to share their information through one application called “Neighbors.” Through the Neighbors App you can:

⇒ Share video you captured and a message, with a designated area you create on the interactive map.
⇒ Receive information from others using the Neighbors App.
⇒ Share suspicious activity directly to the Big Lake Police Department.
⇒ Receive requests from Big Lake Police for video related to an incident occurring in your neighborhood.
⇒ Share and receive video, even if you are not a customer of Ring.

We will be pushing this program out in January 2020, with more information at that time. Download the Neighbors App and give it a try! We are excited to move forward with this new program. As always, please be responsible with what you post, and please contact your Big Lake Police Department with suspicious activity occurring in your neighborhood. Thank you for reading our article! I always welcome discussion and feedback about how we are doing in our community, or just the opportunity to visit with our citizens. Please feel free to stop by our office, call me at 763-251-2985, or email at jscharf@biglakepolice.com.

Joel D. Scharf - Chief of Police

Water Shut Offs Begin April 15, 2020

Beginning April 1, 2020, the City of Big Lake will be mailing out notices to property owners for delinquent water bills. Only one notice will be given. If your account is delinquent on April 15, 2020, your water service may be disconnected. Pay online at biglakemn.org or by phone with PSN at 877-885-7968. No longer want to receive the paper bill in the mail? Opt out of the paper bill to receive an email bill and also a 50¢ credit monthly.
A Note from the Big Lake Fire Department

The Big Lake Fire Department had a busy in year in 2019. We responded to approximately 50 more calls than we did in 2018. As we continue to grow as a community, we expect call volumes to continue to trend up. The BLFD is proud to welcome in our newest member of the fleet. Tender 2. It took some time to receive our newest truck but it is finally here and we are proud to have it in service! This water tender is replacing our water tender from 1988.

Once again, our annual fire prevention week with the Big Lake Schools and local day care centers was a great success. We followed up prevention week with our annual fire department open house where we had overwhelming support from the community. We couldn’t have had such a great event without all of you coming out. As a department, we would like to recognize and give a special thanks to firefighter Eric Rosa for heading up the fire prevention events in 2019.

The BLFD has hired 2 new recruits this year. They started training in October and will be doing their training two nights a week for the next 6 months. We are excited to have them join our team.

One safety note from the BLFD as we are in the heart of winter. Just remember to practice caution on our area lakes. If you are out fishing, snowmobiling, or on your ATV’s, remember the ice is never safe!

Thank you for all your continued support,

Seth Hansen - Acting Fire Chief

Ice Skating Rinks

A warm start to winter meant a late freeze for our community’s beloved Ice Rinks. Now that we’ve seen consistently low temperatures, the Ice Rinks located behind City Hall are open for the season!

Warming House Hours:

⇒ Monday - Friday from 3:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
⇒ Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
⇒ School Holidays from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

*Occasionally due to inclement weather, the Ice Rinks will close. Keep an eye on Facebook for updates.

Winter Photo Contest

Big Lake Residents are invited to submit pictures that they feel define the Big Lake community this winter season in the 2020 Winter Photo Contest!

Submission of a photo will release the photo to the City of Big Lake. The photo may be used on the City website, Facebook, and other marketing materials.

Be sure to capture what you love the most about the City of Big Lake in the winter and share it with us! All photos can be submitted to Corrie Scott, at cscott@biglakemn.org by March 25, 2020.
Business Spotlight: Minnco Credit Union

Thank you, Big Lake, for the warm welcome since we announced our plans to open our newest branch in your community! We’re excited to bring you the products and services that over 30,000 members depend upon to meet their financial needs. Though we may be new to you, we’re actually celebrating our 85th anniversary in 2020. For those of you unfamiliar with us, or credit unions in general, we’re not a labor union. Nor do you need to belong to a labor union in order to use our services. In fact, pretty much everyone in central Minnesota can join Minnco and enjoy access to our excellent savings and checking accounts, debit and credit cards, and affordable consumer loans and mortgages. We also offer business accounts and commercial lending.

Think of us as an excellent alternative to banks. We’re structured differently, but offer similar products and services. Our online and mobile banking platforms are powerful, secure and easy to use. All Minnco offices are open Saturdays, and our Cambridge Cub Foods office is open Sundays. Because we’re not for profit, our rates are typically better and our fees are almost always lower. If great service and great rates sound good to you, check us out. And don’t wait until our office opens this Spring! Visit us at minnco.com and apply online for membership. We’re excited to join such a vibrant and welcoming community! We look forward to meeting you, and to meeting your financial needs.

-Sincerely, Minnco Credit Union

Gardening 101 Series

Are you interested in gardening, but don’t have the confidence to take on a garden of your own? Check out the Gardening 101 Series!

Learn the basics of vegetable and flower gardening in this series presented by the City of Big Lake, Big Lake Community Education, and Sherburne County Master Gardeners.

Workshops take place at the Community Gardens (18041 198th Avenue, Big Lake, MN) and start at 6pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the month:

⇒ May 19
⇒ June 16
⇒ July 21
⇒ August 18
⇒ September 15
⇒ October 20

Families and individuals of all ages welcome. There is no cost to attend!

Register at biglakece.com.
Winter Farmers Market

Join us for the third annual indoor Big Lake Winter Farmers Market! Our vendors only offer homemade and homegrown products including produce, baked goods, meat, eggs, syrup, mushrooms, salsa, pickles, jam, crafts and more! Debit/Credit and SNAP-EBT are accepted, as well as the Market Bucks Match Program. Every month will feature live music and free kids activities. For information on how to become a vendor, contact Corrie Scott at cscott@biglakemn.org or 612-297-6331.

Third Saturday from November to April from 10am-1pm
January 18 | February 15 | *March 21 | April 18
Big Lake City Hall | 160 Lake Street N, Big Lake, MN 55309
*March Market located at Big Lake High School from 9-12 p.m.

Big Lake Community Fair

Mark your calendar for the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce and Industry’s annual Community Fair on Saturday, March 21, 2020 from 9am-12pm at the Big Lake High School! The City of Big Lake will be there offering prizes and answering questions.
⇒ Free Admission
⇒ Free Entertainment
⇒ Free Giveaways
⇒ Farmers Market Vendors
Booth registration is now open. Go to biglakechamber.com for details.

City of Big Lake Community Gardens

Now accepting applications for plots
$25 for the season, May - October
Plots are 10′x20′ & located next to Public Works
18041 198th Ave.
Questions? Or to reserve a plot:
Email twyatt-yerka@biglakemn.org or call 763-307-6040
Applications available at biglakemn.org and City Hall
Dated Material

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City Council

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City Council: Jan. 8, 22 | Feb. 12, 26 | March 11, 25
(6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers)

Planning Commission: Jan. 6 | Feb. 5 | March 4
(6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers)

BLEDA: Jan. 13 | Feb. 10 | March 2
(6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers)

Parks Advisory Committee: Jan. 27 | Feb. 24 | March 23
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Big Lake Winter Farmers Market

Third Saturday
Big Lake City Hall
10 AM - 1 PM

November 16 | December 21
January 18 | February 15
*March 21 | April 18

*March Market located at High School 9am-12pm