

# CITY OF MANITOWOC

# WISCONSIN, USA

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TO: Personnel Committee

FROM: Kathleen M. McDaniel, City Attorney

RE: City Attorney's Office Update

DATE: October 28, 2021

In addition to drafting legislation and reviewing contracts as requested by City departments, the City Attorney's Office has worked on the following projects and initiatives since my October 1, 2021 update:

#### **Environmental Remediation**

- Lemberger Landfill: Work continues as planned.
- Gravel Pit: Newell cost recovery continues. PSC hearing on water main approval was October 27.
- WPS Superfund Site: No update.

#### **Open Records Requests**

- Attorney Dan Manna re 1112 Washington Street carbon monoxide leak
- BL Companies re Festival Foods

#### Litigation, Prosecution, and Neighborhood Improvement

- Assist Police with ordinance interpretation questions
- Blighted properties: Asst. City Attorney continues to work with Housing Inspector and Crime Prevention Sergeant to address, see updates from Chief Blaser to Public Safety for razing information

#### **Economic Development**

- Assist CD Department with upcoming projects
  - o Metal Ware ongoing
  - o Old Heresite property -ongoing
  - o Redline Expansion
  - o Petskull lease of City land for beer garden
  - o Proposed housing developments
  - o Other confidential developments

#### **LEAN/BPI**

- Assisted staff with advice on BPI events as needed
- Asst. City Attorney serving as chair of BPI committee
- Acquisitions event held on 10/21

# Insurance/Risk Management

- Reviewed claims filed against the City, reported to insurance and Finance as appropriate
- ADA Title II work in progress, bimonthly meetings scheduled

#### **Labor Matters**

- Fire: Contract settled subject to ratification by City and union
- Assist unionized departments with personnel matters as needed
- Assist HR with policy interpretation and discipline as necessary

### Office Matters/Additional Information

- 2022 Budget Meeting was held
- Performance reviews held for all employees

## Monthly Reporting on Workload

- 18 Requests for Legal Services received, 14 closed
- 6 new litigation matters (3 animal bites, 3 claims)
- 36 new citations sent over for prosecution, trials scheduled into 2022