

4th Email from Councilman Agold sent to residents on 12/30/25:

Thank you for following these missives as I share my thoughts on city government.

At our last council meeting, City Attorney Brad offered a draft ordinance which would define in detail some of the duties and limits of our position of mayor.

The position of City Administrator was discussed.

Some months ago, I voted in favor of establishing the position of City Administrator.

My rationale was and is as follows:

Even a small organization needs a bureaucracy. In the past, we had functioned with a part-time city secretary. My view was and is that in our modern world of regulations and reporting requirements we needed a full-time experienced person to manage these aspects of our city government.

Another reason I was in favor of the City Administer position was that the city should engage in fee-for-service. We began with the WMS. The Council approved this and instituted it. Beyond this initial effort to collect fees for our trash removal, my intent is to have a fee-for-service for the trailer lot as well. In that the city is providing a service, it is reasonable that the users pay for the service.

(We already engage in this fee-for-service with respect to the city pool. We charge an annual fee by selling a key usable only one year. By the way, the pool fee does not completely fund the pool. Tax dollars pay the bulk of the costs.)

The City Administrator would be initiating these processes and establishing the administrative mechanisms to collect these fees.

During this recent time of transition since creating this position, it should not surprise anyone that there would be some wrinkles in the program that would need to be ironed out. This is reasonable.

For my part, I am offering my rationale for the City Administrator position. If there is an argument to change this, I am willing to hear it. But, for the time being, the position has been established, and that is how the city ought to be functioning.

It is my intent to “word-smith” that draft ordinance and offer it at the January meeting.

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Alderman