

Emergency City Council Meeting held on June 18, 2025, at 9:30 am. Mayor Mitch Swart called the meeting to order. Mike Bredeck and Dan Negen are in attendance. Nate Marcus was not able to attend but can be available by phone call. Greg Bonnema was not in attendance. Also in attendance was Jon De Groot, Central MN Christian School Superintendent, and Nolan Slagter, Public Works Manager.

The mayor began the meeting at 9:30 and asked Jon DeGroot to explain its purpose. Jon described the soccer field's needs based on a consultant's assessment. He has been collaborating with various individuals to improve the field while responsibly managing natural resources and finances.

Kentucky Blue Grass is good, but Tall Fescue is better for a soccer field. It requires less water, has higher heat tolerance, lower fertility needs, and a strong root system in sand. Install a soil moisture sensor and set up irrigation to run every other day, adjusting the sensor to water before reaching permanent wilting point but not when at field capacity.

Duinincks Inc. will offer support for the maintenance of the field over the next three years.

Mitch says the council wants a well-maintained soccer field. Although some town residents have expressed concerns, the council believes the school is seeking a responsible way to improve the field's appearance while conserving water.

Mitch wants the school to understand that over the years things have not been taken seriously regarding water usage. So, he is urging the school to be overly responsible and good stewards

Jon wants information on water resources in Prinsburg. How can we educate residents about this? Can we also educate CMCS students?

Mike Bredeck suggests watering early in the morning or at night, avoiding mid-day if possible, but acknowledges that the first few weeks require 2-4 times daily. Dan Negen agrees.

Jon's action step leaving here is to communicate with the community on what their process will be going forward.

Mitch mentioned that the purpose of the meeting was to ensure everyone was informed and to notify Jon that with the water tower project, no watering will be permitted after July 14 and during the 3 weeks of the project.

