

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Mike Sauerwein, City Manager

SUBJECT: Friday Update

DATE: December 13, 2024

### **December Work Anniversaries**

Join us in celebrating the work anniversaries of our amazing team members this December. Each of these individuals has played a crucial role in the success and growth of the City of Cottage Grove.

Derek Carlton: 6 Years  
James Crosby: 5 Years  
Michael Cummings: 5 Years  
Aaron Giffin: 4 Years  
Greg Yoss: 4 Years  
Soleil Gordon: 3 Years  
Joe Simons: 3 Years  
Tina Macdonald: 2 Years  
Jennifer Veenker: 1 Year  
Shanice Roselle: 1 Year

We sincerely thank you for your hard work and dedication. Your contributions are deeply valued by the City of Cottage Grove.

### **City Recorder receives CMC designation**

The International Institute of Municipal Clerks' (IIMC) has awarded City Recorder Mindy Roberts the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC). The IIMC grants the CMC designation only to those Municipal Clerks who complete demanding education requirements; and who have a record of significant contributions to their local government, their community and state. Congratulations Mindy on your personal pursuit of continuing education and professional excellence.

### **2024 End of Year Celebration**

On December 11, 2024, employees of the City of Cottage Grove were invited to a year end celebration. While the potluck may have been the biggest hit, employee safety and contributions to the City were recognized and applauded.

The following employees were recognized for their continued service to the City of Cottage Grove with the Years of Service Awards:

- Larry Carlton - 20 Years
- Roberta Likens - 20 Years
- Mindy Roberts - 10 Years
- Tisha Fetter - 5 Years
- Dave Belden - 5 Years
- Jessica Recinos Cisneros - 5 Years
- James Crosby - 5 Years
- Mike Cummings - 5 Years

This year, City Manager Mike Sauerwein introduced “Grovey Awards” to recognize individual employees across all departments who have made significant contributions in their area. The following were recognized:

- Water Treatment - Jayson Veenker
- Wastewater - Dave Belden
- Middlefield Maintenance - Joe Simons
- Middlefield Pro-Shop - Scott Kessler and Aaron Giffen
- Public Works Utilities - All Utilities Employees
- Public Works Fleet & Facilities - Greg Yoss
- Public Works - All Public Works Staff
- Community Development - Leni Crow
- Finance - All Finance Staff
- Library - Clarena Pinckney
- Community Center - Jessica Klarr
- Police - Soleil Gordon





***Quote of the Week:***

*"The spirit of celebration and togetherness is a great source of inspiration"*

*~ Nandita Mahtani*