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A message from our Mayor:

Prior Lake is a forward-looking community as demonstrated by our 2030 Vision and Strategic Plan. It should be no surprise, therefore, that in 1993, the city took the initiative to evaluate the city's current and future facilities. As a result, we identified four needs in this order: Fire Station No. 1, a maintenance center, a public library and a police station/city hall building. The fire station, maintenance center and library were deemed the most critical and now effectively serve the community. The final piece of that 1993 puzzle was the police station and city hall.

Before the police station and city hall could be built, there were many questions that needed answers. We wanted the police station and city hall to be the center of the community, but how much would the city grow? How much space would we need to accommodate that growth? Where was a site that could optimize service to the city's residents?

Three different studies confirmed the space requirements for these two buildings, and, in 2002, a study evaluated several sites suitable as the primary delivery location of public services for the next 40 years or more. Along the way, the public played an important role providing input on multiple occasions.

In the final analysis, downtown made the most sense and became the site when the Klingberg family offered their property for sale and, together with two other residential parcels, were purchased.

Because of the small size of the city-owned sites, the police station and city hall, originally planned to be one building, became separate structures and the project was sent to bid.

I'm proud to announce that together we have completed our work: 13 years of careful planning and commitment have been transformed into two new structures downtown: one to maintain our safety and security, the other to maintain our community identity and quality of life. Both are crowning achievements that will last for generations. Each facility was forged using the most careful planning, environmentally-friendly technology and resilient and cost-effective materials available for municipal buildings.

As the capstone of downtown, the new Prior Lake City Hall is a significant step forward in our ability to serve city residents. It's an investment that will offer a huge return. How? You may ask.

The new Prior Lake City Hall shows potential private investors that we are here for the long haul. It's a physical representation of a community looking beyond today. It will foster a robust downtown economy by drawing more people. It will facilitate community access governance and communication with its meeting space. In short, the new city hall will be a source of community pride for the next 40 years or longer.

The building will provide free space for non-profit organizations, community groups and other athletic and civic groups serving the community. In fact, city hall has seven conference rooms, many of which are available for public use. For a copy of the room reservation and use agreement policy, contact city hall at 952-447-9800 or go to www.cityofpriorlake.com.

The buildings have already proven to be a sound financial investment to address our 40-year needs. Were we to construct these buildings today, our owner's representative, Bill Wolters, has estimated the project would cost an additional \$2 million (or 14% more) simply because of escalating material prices.

Every member of the city's staff is grateful for these wonderful buildings, and they are anxious to serve you. On behalf of the city staff and City Council, thank you Prior Lake citizens for the investment you have made to ensure a bright future for Prior Lake.

Please be sure to join us for a dedication celebration of the Prior Lake Police Station and City Hall Tuesday, Feb. 20 from 3 to 6 p.m., with the dedication ceremony commencing at 6 p.m.

Mayor Jack Haugen