

# City Government Week 2020

Thank you to all the city staff and elected leadership that coordinated and participated in City Government Week activities. We enjoyed hearing about all the great activities to enhance public awareness of the role local government plays in the lives of citizens every day.

We also realize that many cities hold similar activities throughout the year – not just during City Government Week. So please continue to share your activities and projects with us!



## Harvey celebrated City Government Week in March and

was able to complete their activities before any virus restrictions were put in place. The kindergarten classes each participated in a coloring contest and two winners received a movie/concession pass to their local theatre. They held a Mayor for a Day essay contest and selected two



third grade mayors. They were picked up from school by Chief Webb in the police vehicle, took a tour of the city (water plant, city shop, fire hall and ambulance building) then returned to city hall to open the council meeting with Mayor Adams. They were each awarded a “Mayor” certificate and a goody bag filled with Harvey bucks, snacks and movie & concession passes.

**Kenmare** held several activities for City Government Week. Several employees highlighted what they do and provided a little information about themselves and the information was shared on the city’s Instagram and Facebook accounts. This was a great way for citizens to meet the city staff. They also posted a word search and a crossword puzzle of things related to Kenmare and posted this on the city’s social media accounts. Thursday was a throwback social media post of the town and pictures of scenery were posted. They ended the week with a “community-wide drive.” Citizens were encouraged to get out and get fresh air by driving the square and all

around town starting at 7:00 p.m. Participants honked, waved and visited with friends while social distancing and it was a hit. Following the drive, a slide show was made of the pictures taken during the drive and posted on social media.

**Mandan** utilized social media to provide education about city government and activities during City Government Week. They provided an activity book and coloring pages for elementary students, information on city government basics facts about cities in North Dakota and information about employment within the city of Mandan. During the city commission meeting, Mayor Tim Helbling announced that their local essay contest winner is Scarlett Chorne, a third grader from Red Trail Elementary. She will receive a city of Mandan shirt, \$50 in Mandan Bucks from the Mandan

Progress Organization, and will be invited to attend a live city commission meeting once it is safe to meet in person again.

By utilizing technology, **Surrey** was able to visit with the fourth-grade students from the school. They were able to give them a virtual tour of city hall and provide information about when the city was founded, population, and some of the daily activities they have as city employees. It was a workaround like no other and truly a new experience for everyone! The teachers collected quotes from the kids of what the kids liked best about living in Surrey which were shared at the city council meeting that night. The city also provided a 50-cent piece to all students which was included with the contents of their lockers as a surprise.

**Kinzie Jensen**  
DEPUTY AUDITOR & CLERK OF COURT



Kinzie is the Deputy Auditor and the Clerk of Court for the City of Kenmare. Kinzie graduated in 2015 from Kenmare High School, then continued her education with a General's Degree from Bismarck State College, and in 2019 she received her second degree in Business Management from Minot State University.

Kinzie manages the Local Access Channel. Along with the City of Kenmare Facebook Page, the Kenmare, ND Instagram page, as well as maintaining the monthly water bills, customer requests, applying for grants, and many other office related tasks for the City.

She has made the funding for the "Little Free Library" that is located in the downtown Park possible, as well as the "Doggy Waste Stations", the "Flag Drop Box" and the murals downtown. She is hoping to find more funding for future projects.

When asked what her favorite thing about the City is, she stated "Working with the citizens and getting to know them, you truly learn so much more about the community when you take the time to talk to people." She will be employed with the City of Kenmare three years as of June 2020. She was also the Summer Office Intern for two summers before being hired fulltime.