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**To: City Council**  
**From: Mayor**  
**Subject: Storm Damage Summary Report**  
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On Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> around 5pm the City of Waukesha sustained damage from a high wind and storm event that passed through our area. Based on the damage photos, the National Weather Service estimated that the wind speeds in the City were approximately 70 mph. As a point of reference, a Category 1 hurricane has winds starting at 74 mph. First responders and crews from Departments across the City immediately sprang into action to provide aid in the community and begin the process of clearing roads from debris, closing off areas with downed power lines, and assessing damage. Additionally, more storms came through Waukesha on Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. Crews continue to respond to damage from both storms.

### Storm Response for Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>:

- The Dispatch Center received 78 calls for service for the storm:

Call Type	Frequency
Alarm	3
Weather Call	60
Traffic Control	10
Traffic Hazard	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>

- The area around Carroll University sustained the most damage:
  - The Fire and Police Departments worked directly with Carroll University's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to assure the safety of the 350+ students on campus for summer activities.
  - 4 people were rescued from damaged buildings by Fire Department personnel
- In addition to Fire and Police personnel, staff from our Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department as well as Public Works responded on Thursday night to clear roads. By Friday morning, June 28<sup>th</sup>, the only roads remaining closed were due to downed power lines and required work by WE Energies.
- The Fire Marshal and building Department were out on Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup> to inspect damaged buildings and infrastructure.

### Damage Assessment:

- 16 residential structures had damage to the structures or electrical services that were compromised.

- 4 structures were uninhabitable due to storm damage and raze orders will likely be issued for three of the buildings:
  - **316 N Barstow**- significant structural and water damage. Carroll College has secured the building. It is vacant. Possible raze order to be issued.
  - **304 N East Ave**- storage/garage structure that collapsed. The primary structure has significant structural damage throughout due to chimney and roof failure. Both buildings were ordered vacated and posted. Both structures will have a raze order issued.
  - **100 N East Ave**- building on the northwest corner of the parcel that has roof damage. Carroll College has secured the building and it is vacant.
- 83 City trees were lost at a replacement cost of \$12,450 and estimated value of \$276,665. It will take 249 work hours to replace each of the trees lost. 4 of these trees fell onto homes with no noticeable damage and 2 City trees fell onto cars with some damage. (This includes trees that fell over the weekend from additional storms).
- Park, Recreation, and Forestry Chipper had damage to the drum and is out of service.
- Outfield fence poles at Buchner Park need to be replaced at a cost of \$902.
- 3 plastic panels above the Library's entrance were blown off and into the parking lot. No one was hurt, though panels hit three cars in the lot, causing some minor damage. There is not an estimate at this time on the cost.
- The library's revolving glass door came off its central hinge. It was fixed by library maintenance staff the same evening.
- All parking buildings, shelters, etc., were inspected and no damage was observed.
- The cemetery sustained downed branches and trees. There was no damage to any structures or buildings.

#### **Overtime Hours Worked:**

- Parks, Recreation, and Forestry: 169.68 hours
- Public Works: 34.89 hours
- Fire Department: 26 hours

#### **Clean-Up Response:**

- Due to the amount of private property tree branches down in the storm area, City crews will conduct a brush/branch pick-up of two specific area locations (maps attached) Crews will be going through these two areas over the next week picking up the branches that are placed in the terrace area. The final date for residents to have their items out for collection on the terrace area is Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 7am.
- The Drop- Off Center added extra hours for the collection of storm branches. There is no charge to residents for bringing storm branches. Over the weekend, 66 cars utilized this service at the Drop-Off Center.
  - Friday, June 28- 2pm-6pm (storm branches ONLY)
  - Saturday, June 29- 8am-4pm
  - Monday, July 1- 2pm-6pm (storm branches ONLY)
  - Wednesday, July 3- 11am-7pm
  - Saturday, July 6- 8am-4pm
  - Monday, July 8- 2pm-6pm (storm branches ONLY)

