

Meet Your City Staff



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1st & 3rd Monday of each Month at 7pm
City Council Meeting

Opens December 5
Youth Baseball Registration

Opens January 1
Spring Soccer Registration

Opens February 1
Spring Intro to Sports Registration

Opens February 1
Summer Camp Registration

April 8
Easter Egg Hunt

April 22
Park & Roadside Cleanup

August 12
3rd Annual Ely Open

September 23
Fall Fest



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We'll miss you, Luanne!

Luanne will retire from the City of Ely on February 6, 2023. Luanne has served in her current role as City Clerk since May 2020, and prior to that, served for four and half years as Deputy Clerk, where she managed utility billing and was the friendly face at the counter who greeted everyone. During Luanne's time at City Hall, she has played a critical role in helping the city adapt to significant changes to better help our residents. She will be very missed, but City of Ely Staff wishes her all the best in the future!

Meet Your Elected Officials



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What I enjoy most about serving as Mayor is working with staff and residents. Seeing individuals utilize their talents to contribute to this community is amazing! – **Eldy Miller**

I enjoy being connected at a local level with my community. We have a lot of levels of government in our world that we don't always get to see much of the results from, so to hear inputs from the residents and help implement that at our local level and watch our community grow is such a rewarding piece to serving on city council. – **Mark Becicka**

The thing I like most about serving on Ely City Council is all of the work involved in being a council member. Whether it is preparing for council meetings, speaking with people from the public or reviewing bills for accuracy, I know that every minute I spend on doing these things, it is for the betterment of our community. – **Ben Symonds**

There are various aspects of serving as a council representative. The most enjoyable aspect though, is knowing I am having a role in shaping our community based off community input. I try to engage the community as much as possible to ensure the representation I am providing is satisfactory. Being able to interact with community members whom I have never met and getting to know them and hear what they would like to see happen, is extremely rewarding. I have found my time as a council member as whole to be extremely rewarding and I am happy I have been given the opportunity to serve. – **William Tuthill**

What I enjoy most is the positiveness that the community has for everything in our community. Whether it is a fire department event, a library function, a Legion event or a parks and recreation activity, the community supports them and shows up to participate. I also enjoy representing our growing community's residents and being their voice in city decisions. All the council members and the mayor value every resident and want to do their best in being transparent with decisions, budgeting our taxes effectively and looking to the future of our community. Ely is truly the best place to live due to our residents. Our residents make sure to look out for each other and stay involved with the community. They are what makes it such a wonderful place to live. Hope you all have a wonderful 2023! – **Judy Wery**

What I like most about serving on Council is seeing the changes that happen over time in town and knowing I've contributed to helping shape how that change came about. I also enjoy working with staff and council to bring our policies into the 21st century. – **Dan Whitaker**

Spring Soccer

Spring Soccer Ely's spring soccer program is an introductory league for children ages 4 & 5. Registration is open January 1 - March 1. Practice and games will be on Tuesday evenings at Ely City Park. Registration fee for this five-week program is \$35 - each player and coach will receive a team jersey. The season runs April 11 - May 9. Register online at www.elyiowa.com.

Youth Baseball

The changing of the year means that baseball season is almost here! Registrations are open December 5 - March 1. Ely baseball is open to players at least 5 years old (preschool) - 6th grade. Practice and game schedules vary depending on division level - more information will be provided once registrations close. The season runs mid-April through mid-June. \$75 registration fee includes a full uniform for all players. Register online at www.elyiowa.com.

Intro to Sports

Have you been looking to get your little one involved in something new? Look no further than Intro to Sports with Ely Parks & Recreation! This small group program is open to children ages 3 & 4 years old. Participants will try a new sport or activity each night, including soccer, blast-ball, football, and field games. A parent or guardian will be asked to assist each night during certain drills. Intro to Sports will be offered on Mondays or Wednesdays for the spring and fall sessions. Registrations for the spring programs will be open February 1 - March 31, or until the 6 spots are filled. Register online at www.elyiowa.com.

Introduction to Tennis

The Parks & Recreation Department received a \$1,000 grant in 2022 to purchase enough tennis equipment to offer a new program in Ely thanks to the United States Tennis Association of Missouri Valley! The spring session is offered to children ages 5-8. This four-week introductory class will introduce participants to the basics of tennis and the fun of the game, in hopes of inspiring a newfound interest in the sport! Program fee is \$25 - all equipment is provided. Registrations will be open February 1 - March 31, or until all spots are filled. Register online at www.elyiowa.com.

Summer Day Camp

Parks & Rec is bringing back their five-week, Monday - Friday, Summer Camp program in 2023! This year may offer three choices: an all-day option (8am - 3:30pm) or a morning or afternoon session (8 - 11:30am / 12pm - 3:30pm). This program will keep children moving and learning during their summer vacation. Every week, campers will participate in various sport activities; crafts and/or science experiments; they will take walks and enjoy indoor movie days. The sessions will be split into two age groups, 5-7- and 8-10-year-olds. Registration for the all-day program will open on February 1. If all spots are not filled, half day sessions will open for registration on March 1. \$575 for full day, 5 weeks (\$3/hr) or \$275 for half day session. Register online at www.elyiowa.com.

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Council Meetings:
1st and 3rd Monday
each month 7:00 p.m.
in the Council Chamber
2nd floor.

Ely Expression

2023 Project Updates:

Below is a list of projects that are currently in progress for the city. Tentative updates below may flex depending on a variety of variables. Stay up to date on the progress of these projects by attending council meetings, signing up for the Mayor's newsletter and following City social media outlets.

Multi-Use Complex • Survey results from December are being reviewed by the committee. The next step is utilizing this information to create design concepts and then move to a financial feasibility study

Watts Development (off Rogers Creek Road) • The developer has started working on the infrastructure already. Phase 1 will of single-family homes will be starting in 2023.

Abode Development (off State Street & Mabie Road) • The developer is incorporating a mix of residential & commercial properties. Plans will be presented to the city for approval the first part of 2023 with the goal of starting the project later in the year.

Banner Valley Road • Preliminary engineering and phase 1 design is in progress. The initial plan is to build a sidewalk along Banner Valley in phases over the next couple of years starting later in 2023. The last phase will be to apply an asphalt overlay on Banner Valley.

Old Town Project • In February council and the public will review the final designs for Phase 1 which includes Main Street (from Dows to Traer) and Traer Street (from Main to State). This will include new roads, curb & gutter, sidewalks, and storm water improvements. Council will additionally be reviewing sewer repairs and alley overlay project for the Old Town district.

Krob's Property • The developer as plans to begin the first phase of the project in 2023 which includes a mix of commercial and residential in a 2-story building to complement the current downtown. Please check out the banner at the conner of the property for more information.

Water Treatment Facility • In 2022 the city was awarded a \$1 million grant towards this project. The project is currently being engineered. In approximately March the plans and cost will be presented to the public for input. If there is support for the project this could move forward later in the year. This facility will help to reduce the iron and hardness in the city's water.

Hoosier Creek Trunk Sewer Project • The trunk sewer project is over 80% complete with the most difficult part of the project completed. The contractor continues to work hard to finish this project.

Snow Emergencies in Ely

When winter weather events indicate the need, the mayor will proclaim a snow emergency. Notices will be announced via local TV news channels, on city social media sites and most importantly through the Nixel text/email system. Sign up for this alert by texting 52227 to 888-777 or visit www.elyiowa.com. A parking ban shall continue from the start of the snow emergency through the duration of the storm, as well as the 48-hour period after cessation of the storm. The exception is for streets that have been fully opened.

Community Ice Skating Rink

As conditions allow the remainder of winter, the ice rink will be open from 8am - 10pm. Be sure to bring your own skates as they are not provided by the City. Hockey is permitted only if there are not others ice skating, please be respectful. If you use the provided hockey nets, they MUST be removed from the ice when you are finished to avoid damaging the ice or nets.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The City of Ely has a website!

Check it out at
ELYIOWA.COM



Nixle Voice & Text Alerts

The City uses Nixle to notify residents of important alerts and reminders. These alerts include snow emergencies, water main breaks, upcoming events and more. Sign up by texting 52227 to 888-777 or sign up at the bottom of the home page on the city website. If you have questions or need assistance, please call City Hall at 319-848-4103.

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Mayor Miller's Updates

Stay up to date on the most recent council meetings and city projects by signing up for Mayor Miller's monthly newsletter. To sign up, send your email address to eldy@elyiowa.com. Contact City Hall if you do not have access to email or you would like a hard copy.

