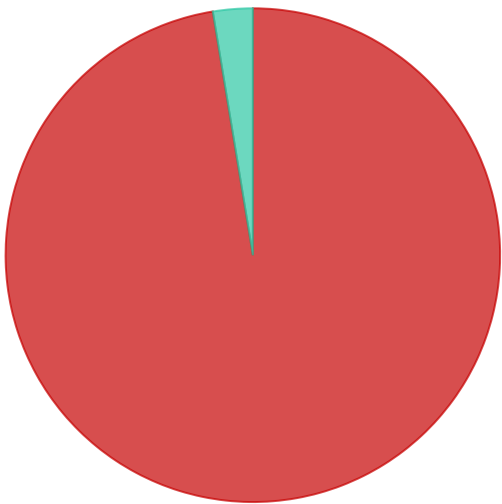


Would you like to participate in our municipal complex survey?

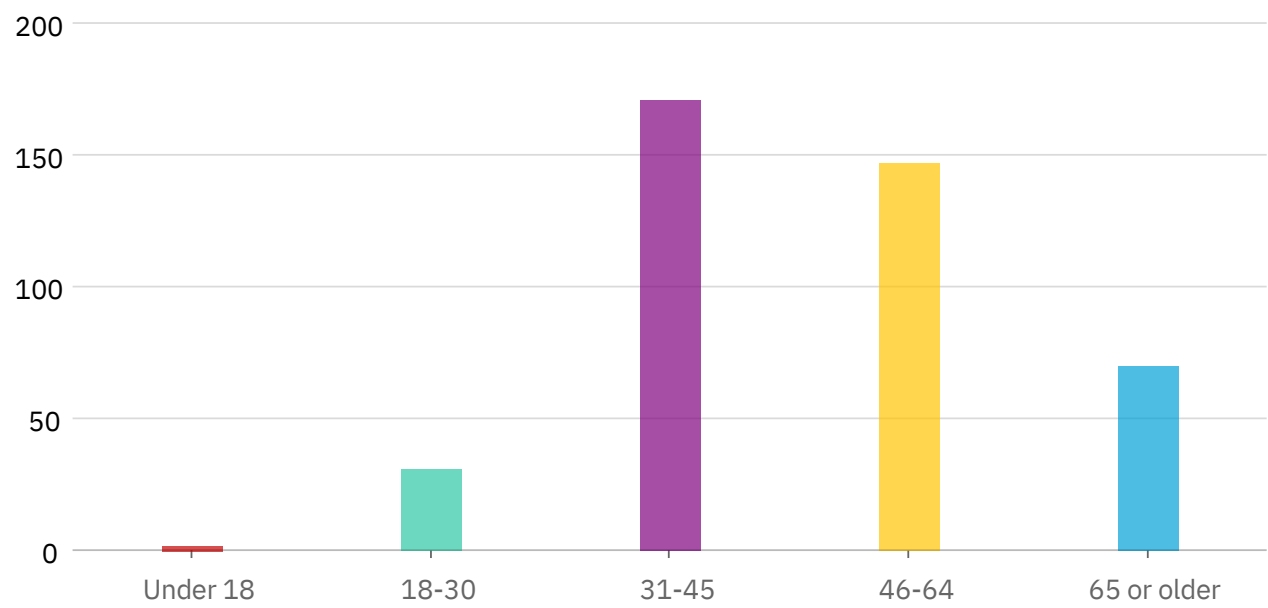


- Yes, will participate
- No answer/Not Home
- No, will decline

Answers	Count	Percentage
Yes, will participate	413	95.38%
No answer/Not Home	11	2.54%
No, will decline	0	0%

Answered: 431 Skipped: 2

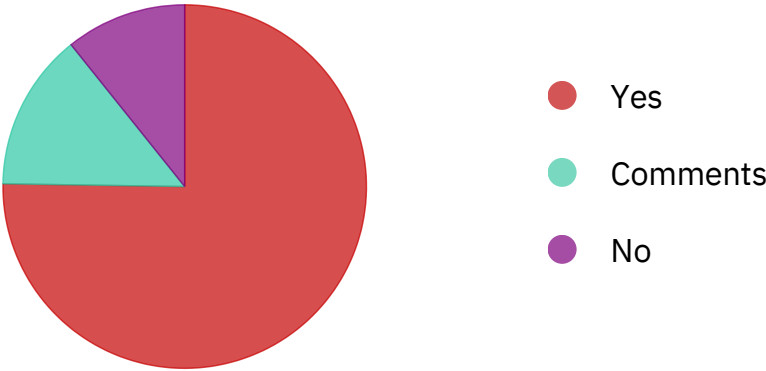
What is your age range?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Under 18	2	0.46%
18-30	31	7.16%
31-45	171	39.49%
46-64	147	33.95%
65 or older	70	16.17%

Answered: 414 Skipped: 19

Do you support a Municipal Complex Project, which includes a library, recreation component and city hall?



Undecided

Yes, splash pad would be nice for the kids

Yes, only if the historical school isn't torn down, all town and country kids went to school there.

Yes, Ely is growing like crazy. It's nice to have things to do close by.

Yes, but we already have a beautiful library.

Yes, but not with a tax increase, that would force me to vote no.

Yes, depends on how much it will cost us.

Yes but our library has plenty of space already

We feel the current library is sufficient. New city offices, community space and recreational space are needed (elsewhere).

We do support a municipal complex if a new library was not a part of it.

To an extent I would support it (without a new library), but do not want to see our taxes increase to support a new complex. Our taxes are high enough as it is.

The library is under used already. There is property behind the the Library if really needed.

Stop asking to raise taxes to fund such non sense.

Not sure

Not if this costs a lot through taxation

No. What's wrong with what we have? Taxes are already too high.

No. What is the projected price of this project? How much will taxes go up? The library is doing just fine in i t's location. Can the city afford to do this?

No. Not all at once but maybe just one during these inflationary times.

No. We believe to start with a recreation center and community space. When the Library needs more space for large meetings and activities; the Library can use the new community space. There is currently a Library but NO Rec Center.

No, would support if the library wasn't included.

No, we feel there are enough resources through the local schools.

No, Property Taxes are already too High

No, people move to Ely to get out of the bigger city then they want to make Ely like the bigger city. Just move back!

No, other than the library, I will never use any of the proposed ideas.

No, Library city services, community space

No, do not raise taxes, we are on fixed income

Maybe

It will be hard to achieve all departments plus public uses in the same building. Especially city maintenance, basketball, and city administration.

It depends on budget and if services will actually be utilized, I would prefer not to raise taxes.

I think so, but need more specific information.

I think it is apparent from the low attendance to the Q&A and the views online that people really are not in favor of such a grand expansion at this time. We are not an endless pit of money. The upcoming water/sewer expenses are hitting us hard.

I support a recreation gym, some city services, and community space, but not a new library.

I support a modest facility

I don't have enough information so will stay neutral

I do not think we need more library space but we need a bigger community/meeting room. Rec area with a full-size court or more would be great

Does not support, wants to modify/add on to existing library to create community space and room for computer resources.

Depends on the cost.

City taxes have already increased over 68% in the last five years.

A lot depends on the extent and total cost of the project.

What are the 5 HIGHEST PRIORITY AMENITIES you would like to see in a municipal complex...

Amenities:

- 1.Weightlifting/Fitness Equipment (51.73%) (224 votes)
- 2.Community Room (49.88%) (216 votes)
- 3.Walking Track (45.96%) (199 votes)
- 4.Indoor Gym Space (40.88%) (177 votes)
- 5.Group Fitness (33.49%) (145 votes)
- 6.Expanded Physical Library (26.33%) (114 votes)
- 7.Game Room/Activity Room (24.02%) (104 votes)
- 8.Interactive Children’s Space (21.71%) (94 votes)
- 9.Meeting Space/Study Room (20.55%) (89 votes)
- 10.Racquetball Court (15.01%) (65 votes)
- 11.Sauna (11.55%) (50 votes)
- 12.Teen Space (11.09%) (48 votes)
- 13.Technology/Computer Resources (10.85%) (47 votes)
- 14. Other (10.85%) (47 votes)
- 15.Lounge (4.39%) (19 votes)
- 16.Business Incubator (3.23%) (14 votes)
- 17.Virtual Reality Center (3%) (13 votes)

A "Maker Space" with tools and equipment to use/loan. *Google Tool Library by Matthew 25 in C.R. @ 201 3rd Ave. Maybe if we provide the space, they can use Ely as a branch.

Who will be responsible for supervising the site/patrons?

Recruit more business and we could have all the amenities and you can stop taxing us more and more

This project is not on my priority with water treatment and water supply lacking needed upgrades.

We have enough bars and yoga shops. Let’s address the needs of the community with mental health help a nd veteran resources. Safe affordable child care would also benefit those in need.

Not government. These should be left to the private sector.

More library space for children and family library events/activites

Indoor gym for basketball, volleyball, pickleball for winter activities.

Comments

- Pool Table Tennis
- NONE Swimming pool and pickle ball
- Splash pad Starbucks/Smoothie Bar
- Pickleball Splashpad
- Kitchen Rock Climbing Wall
- Indoor pool Coffee House
- Any place for adults Pool/Splashpad
- Lap Pool
- Indoor tennis court

Pickleball Couty

Food pantry

None.

None don't feel any of this is needed.

Community pool.

Massage Chairs :)

Locker room

Library!!!!!!!!!!!!

Lap pool and or climbing wall

indoor batting cages

Grocery Store / Restaurant

What are the 5 HIGHEST PRIORITY SERVICES you would like to see in a municipal complex...

Services:

- 1.Youth Programs (74.36%) (322 votes)
- 2.Adult Programs (57.51%) (249 votes)
- 3.Senior Programs (48.27%) (209 votes)
- Educational Programs (48.27%) (209 votes)
- 1.Arts & Cultural Programs (34.18%) (148 votes)
- 2.Child Care (30.48%) (132 votes)
- 3.Early Childhood Education (29.79%) (129 votes)
- 4.Health Therapy Services (20.09%) (87 votes)
- 5.Physical Therapy Services (19.17%) (83 votes)
- 6.Business Support (11.32%) (49 votes)
- 7.Equity & Inclusion Programs (8.55%) (37 votes)
- 8.Other (4.39%) (19 votes)

Comments

- Group exercise classes
- Sports/recreational services
- Room for sports games/practice
- Recruit more business, stop taxing us more
- Pool.

Water infrastructural upgrades are more needed than this project.

Open to:Scouts, Charity(meals/fundraising), youth grps,

None. These should be left to the private sector. Government would use it as another reason to raise taxes.

Mental health services

I don't feel any of these options are a dire need in Ely and don't already exist.

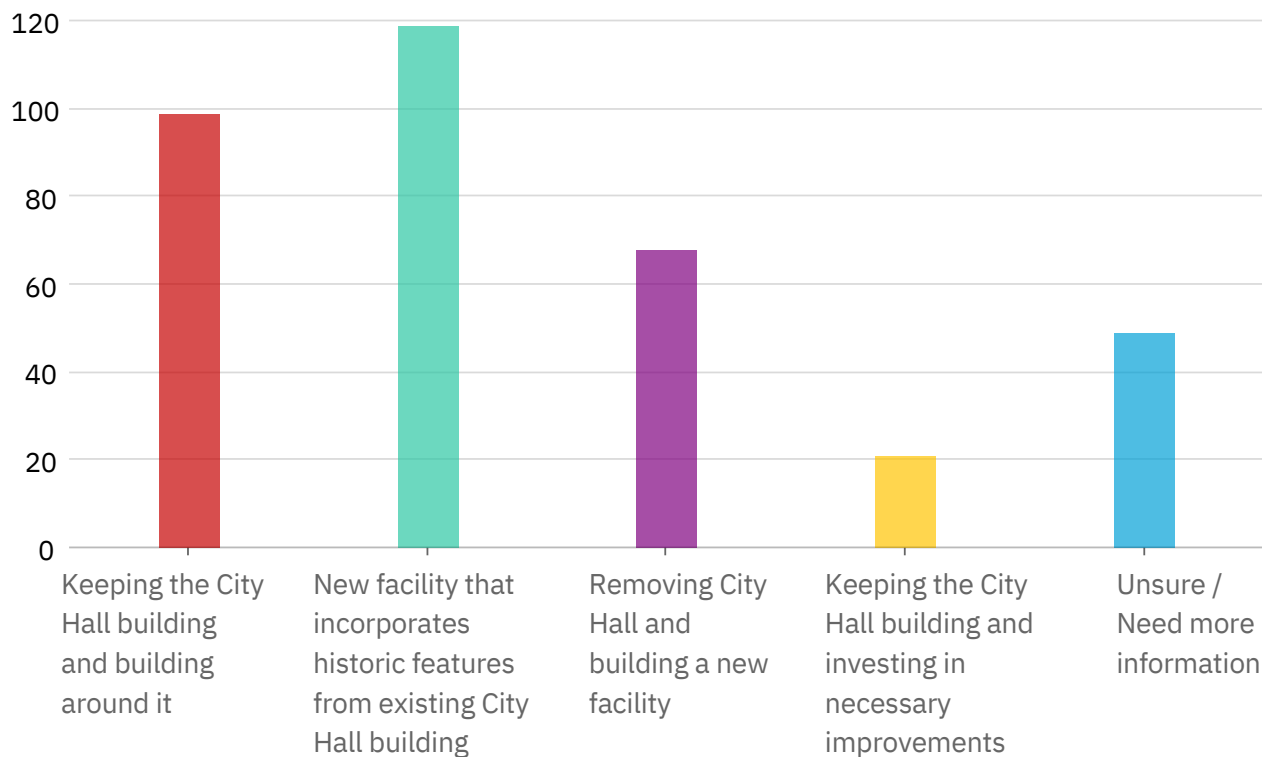
How will the town afford all of the services. We are a small town, let it stay that way.

Health Center like UI quick care

Educational Programs like the Linn Co. extension service can use. Include cooking prep, education, 4H, and low income education. ALSO a food pantry space with a freezer and fridge storage that has 24/7 access.

Again none. Why do we want to raise taxes in Ely.

What is your preference for the current City Hall property? (If this site is selected)



Comments

Whatever makes the most sense

What are impacts to cost for the various options

None. Do not raise taxes.

No preference; I trust you'll select what makes the most sense financially.

Lack of appropriate information to make and informed decision

It depends on the overall cost of each option.

I trust that our city board members will make the right decision on site and budget. I feel creating a municipal Complex is very important and way overdue.

I think the money should be used first to fix the city water problem.

I am unsure only because I would love to see us preserve the history of our town and the existing city hall but I also see value in making fiscally responsible decisions to achieve our goals. I would need more information to make an informed decision.

Based off of the cost of each option.

Please tell us anything else you would like us to consider as part of the Municipal Complex...

Our only hesitation is what this will do to property taxes.

Ely does NOT need a municipal complex.

Year round athletic facility that can be used by everyone in the community.

Would like to see a dog park and splash pad.

Would be nice to include some tie ins with the bike trail. A small cafe, public rest room, picnic area, etc.

With initial design, take considerations for future expansions (pool, another gym, etc...)

Who is reading these surveys and deciding to move forward with this project? Is it the city? Not really fair to everyone is it. Let the people know the cost of the project, tax increase. We need to repair the streets before moving on to other projects.

While not in favor of construction of a municipal complex just to try to keep up with other nearby towns, if the majority is in favor, I would support provided it done thoughtfully, keeping in mind the needs of the Community as a whole and not just a smorgasbord of yuppie wish lists that don't take into account that not all citizens of Ely have unlimited income to pay for it.

Whatever we do, we make sure we have spaces that can be used in multiple ways.

Whatever ends up being done, please make sure it isn't outdoors. Please don't spend tax resources or donations on things that WILL be wasted when teenagers damage it.

What is happening with what you have? What do you have in the community now? What need do you feel you need? Where does funding come from?

We've been discussing this at home lately, we would love to see some type of fitness area in Ely! OR a small grocery store would be amazing!

We need more business to Ely, why are we not trying to recruit more businesses to support our little destination town, we do not take advantage of all the people that visit, they are forced to have the same options and it's kind of weak at the best, there are several business groups that you could approach for Restaurant's and retail outlets

We need large kitchen and a dividable community room

We need a larger library space. The currently facility is does not allow us to grow current programming.

We need a community pool in our city.

We feel the city hall site is too small to build the complex/allow for adequate parking at events.

We don't need a new library in my opinion. Let's update what we have. Taxes are already TOO HIGH!!

WE DON'T NEED A MUNICIPAL COMPLEX.

We do not need a new library. I will only support this new complex if our taxes do not increase. Our taxes are too high as is for what our town offers.

We are here for whichever option gets the most "bang for the buck!" And don't go 2nd rate!

We are already being hit by higher prices from everything as food, gasoline, heating, electrical, and transportation, and others. Now you want to raise taxes to pay for these improvements now? On top of it all?

Want a space so movies could be shown - flexible for large or small groups.

Turning the car wash lights off after midnight. (Just kidding...but not really)

This would be an amazing asset to our town!

This should be voted on at an election. More affordable drinking water that does not smell and is not yellow.

This project should not include a new library. Many people I have discussed this project with have cited the library portion as the reason they will not support it.

They need a splash pad outside

There are other needs the city has to address first like roads and water treatment needs for new construction projects. North Liberty made a lot of these errors when they grew too quickly and did not pass the expenses onto the builders in hopes that the new revenue from taxes would cover whatever was needed.

There are many Czech families in this area, the school was a big part of every day life for our Czech families. Czech heritage is in this school, don't destroy it, treat it with respect and dignity.

The way Ely is growing, there is a need for this.

The most cost effective location.

The money should be spent on other things. Not a gym

The library is a higher priority than this.

The last question was a little unclear. Is there a viable option for a different location and new building?

The existing City Hall building is a money pit and has terrible access and handicap parking issues. I view a new building for administration and possible library functions and another building, possibly connected via a sound deadening corridor, used for recreation and public meeting and using movable curtains, etc to allow flexibility. The existing site seems large but the space will quickly be used when siting buildings and allowing for two street improvements plus walking trail and green spaces. I would place City Works or maintenance personnel in a separate structure by sewer treatment.

The cost effective option for the city.

The community center now is too much a part of Ely History to destroy!

The area just went through a raise in market values on the houses and many also had reappraisals done. We do not need any higher taxes. Need a Dollar General or a grocery store.

The "old guys" (and others) need a comfortable place to hang out for coffee besides Odie's. Coffee bar with light snacks open to the public. Reasonable charge.

Support only if properly planned, common use spaces, sensible, and well maintained and staffed. What are the plans for the existing library and home purchased behind the library?

Support keeping Ely city building if financially makes sense.

Splash pad and or a wading pool

Space for historic archives.

Sounds amazing. Let's get it done ASAP

Senior meal program. Kids summer meal program.

Search for grants from State and Federal to reduce liability to Ely citizens.

Research communities of 10,000 or less who have municipal projects. Think ahead on a growing population. Webster City has a good facility at their Fuller Hall facility.

Really like the idea of a large indoor multipurpose space for many activities such as climbing wall, bounce house/inflatables, indoor drone racing, warehouse scale VR/Lazer tag, indoor soccer, indoor kickball, indoor disc golf, indoor ultimate frisbee, obstacle course, air rifle/marksmanship, etc.

Public restroom accessible from trail. Playground and outdoor recreation

Property taxes too high.

Please send out more concrete financial data as it becomes available.

Please consider tax implications as this project progresses.

Pickle ball court

Once you tear down it's gone forever and it is a very important part of our community

Not sure what is more cost effective; tear down/build new city hall or renovate with \$1million. Recreation building would be a nice amenity but the long term maintenance and staffing wow - who pays taxes on that? With the new water treatment we have, do we need to be conservative with taxes?

Not sure at this time that current city hall site would be enough land for future growth of Ely but would not like to see historic building demolished.

Not interested in a new facility

No, Property Taxes are already too High

No sentimental feelings to the building.

Need for more library space and public meeting space.

NA

n/a

More library space, more meeting space, room for food pantry, adult sports league, indoor event space

Make sure there is ADA/elevator access. Do not let the library group supporters dictate what is built! You have the property behind the library already for expansion.

Look into creating a space like Fuller Hall in Webster City - has a gym, basic lap pool, fitness, game room, community space all in one.

Leave current city bldg as is. Likely there are many uses still possible. Or sell it for (condos?) help funding a new city hall, and/or use lot to expand the park. Continue looking for a space large enough for the things that the majority of the town wants.

Jim speaks for indoor sports, workout facilities with weights and cardio equipment, track, place place for young kids, please call/early childcare center.

It would be better to hard surface and add sidewalks to Banner Valley

It is my opinion that the current library is more than sufficient for its needs and should be left out of the plans for a new complex to allow for room for a gymnasium for kids and adults. If the library wishes to host events that require more space than they currently have, they could use community spaces at the new complex.

It can't cause water issues for the older part of Ely.

Is there a possibility to add an outdoor pool or splash pad to the location (or anywhere in town)

Is the City Hall building on the National/State registry?

Indoor or outdoor pool, place to rent out for smaller/larger gatherings, community space for voting, meetings, community involvement, etc

Indoor basketball court especially for winter use.

Incorporate the bike path users with the facility. For example a hydration station or stretching equipment.

I'm for anything that gives City Hall more room and provides a complex for more activities in Ely.

If it's more financially responsible by removing existing city hall building vs renovation or incorporation to new, then we support removing existing city hall.

I'd like rental sports equipment such as cross country skis, roller blades, and bikes to enjoy our trails. Also, a bus stop that connects to Kirkwood and C.R. buses.

I would suggest partnering with the YMCA for facility and services or see North Liberty Model.

I would love to have the outside of the complex considered as well as the amenities inside. For example, outdoor venue space/playground/splash pad/volleyball courts.

I would love this council to be forward thinking and inclusive for a changing world. Our young people want technology, not a pole building. Residential continues to grow but we are surely lacking businesses. Taxes are going up keeping people nervous.

I would like you to consider a food market of some kind.

I would like to see blue prints of the different options. I am also interested if Ely will be adding a city pool or if that will be a separate project. Also, check out the Municipal Complex in Peosta, Ia. It is newer and incorporates many of the above

I would like to see a building that will be used by many generations as our community is made up of a large age range. So the building should have programs for all age ranges.

I was on the Library Board and hiring committee when Sarah was hired and I believe she has done an excellent job. However, Ely needs to prioritize a Rec Center first and move ahead. Thank you, Butch and Annette Wieneke

I wanted to see an option of leaving existing library as is and adding to it as land was already purchased for that use.

I think such a complex is a great idea. I'm curious as to the plans for the existing outdoor tennis and basketball courts. Would they remain? If so, they need to be improved. In the case of the tennis court, it should be replaced as it's gotten a lot more use in the past couple of years and the surface has been in bad shape for many years. If you continue with the skating rink (not that useful in my opinion) it should not be placed atop the outdoor courts.

I support the municipal complex project, but do it in stages beginning with teen/youth services (gym) and city services, since we have a great library building already. Library could use the complex during the project to coordinate programs that need larger space so that city taxes won't eat us up! After five years then add a library. Marion had to build a new library way too soon to accommodate patrons and city. Before hiring a contractor or hiring a group, designate community representatives from City, library, senior person, active youth person, daycare provider, etc.. from Ely to tour various programs to see what exists and works. People that know our community to gear it to our needs and resources. We have no school in our town making this a problem and require different/special needs.

I love the idea of supporting the community! I would like to see more privately owned business that would support the city functions. Maybe some sort of partnership with people looking to open a small business in Ely. I love Ely and would like to keep the small town, know your neighbor feeling of the city. I really enjoy the fall festival and the winter fest. I would support anything that is family friendly, Athletic team are great for kids and families, so would support an indoor athletic facility. Also love the history behind the current City Hall, so would love to KEEP the building.

I don't think the current building should be destroyed.

I don't feel we are big enough yet to support one. The library is big enough. Keep city hall where it has always been.

I don't feel enough people would make it worth the cost.

I do not support the city building a new facility or adding onto existing facility as I do not believe there's a need for one in this community so close to Cr, prairie, and Solon. I also worry about the increase in parking along Walker street and increased traffic. Who will supervise location and patrons? Who will maintain the facility?

I do not see the value in building a complex next to the current city hall. The safety concerns with large groups of children congregating next to a busy road should be a concern to all involved in the planning of this complex. In my opinion, a mixed use building incorporating the library and other community enrichment activities would fit best by the city park. This location appears to offer the most opportunity for our young citizens.

I am concerned about flooding at the current location. We need higher ground.

GROCERY STORE

Granddaughter is here regularly, age almost 8. She benefits from library programs. You were smart in putting on a new roof, please use this building, it's well used now.

Gotta let the kids hoop!

Go take a look at the Palo Community Center and seek the set up.

From the kids - game room with pool table, ping pong, board games, couches, TV's, gaming, and hangout area.

Expansion of activities and rec sports that offer girls and boys equal representation.

Enough raising taxes to support these things. Pay some things off before raising current taxes again

Ely seems to be a younger crowd please keep items , Modern end up with current times

Ely needs growth!! Reasons for people to stay in town, shop local, workout local, celebrate in space local, etc... (Downtown Solon as example. Thinking businesses with goods and services.)

Don't want taxes to be raised any higher.

Don't see the need for a municipal complex in such a small town. However, if one is built it should be done on a small, limited scale and not just to try to out do other local towns.

Dog park might be nice and drive outside people to Ely

Dog park

Do not raise taxes.

Consider looking at the Fuller Hall recreation center in Webster City, IA. They have a gym, lap pool, community space with kitchen available to rent, game room, and fitness center (cardio and weights). The parks and rec department staffs it and it is a well loved community space that keeps people spending time in the community and is a great place for kids/teens to spend time after school and in winter months.

Complex project should be on a "bond" issue - vote by all. Library should be on it's own "bond" issue - vote by all.

Bigger isn't always better. I think a scaled down community/City hall project can be sufficient.

At this point I think this needs to be revisited at a future time. While many of these ideas are in theory probably not bad, but I think some would lose their appeal in a short amount of time especially things like virtual reality room etc. The ones that MOST likely would be successful would be meeting areas and adult/senior programs as they would recognize the value. I do feel also that the rural users of the Library especially be sharing some of the financial load.

As our community continues to grow and be popular it would be wonderful to have similar facilities like Mt. Vernon or Solon.

As Ely continues to grow, have a complex for fitness activities and potential youth and adult indoor sport leagues (volleyball, basketball, etc.) would be great.

All depends on the property tax outcomes.

All amenities sound good. Founders Grove would be a good spot.

Add splashpad.

Access to a gym/fitness equipment should be available outside business hours (24/7) with kid friendly space for parents who exercise.

A small membership fee with card access would prevent unauthorized or underage persons from causing damage/injury.

Absolutely not. Do not do anything to the existing building. It's history that needs to be left alone. We don't support more government programs. Leave these to the private sector and not another reason to hire more people paid by my taxes which will then be raised.

A daycare for children is also needed.

4 Basketball courts (2 full size basketball courts) .

1 million \$ is a little steep 4 "necessary" improvements 2 the current city hall. Beings that it is a historical building, we would be able 2 get a lot of funding for historical preservation, which was never mentioned. I think that choice was worded extremely poorly & it was done intentionally 2 scare people. That was the only dollar amount included on this whole survey & I think that was written poorly & as a scare tactic because the people that work in the building currently want new offices. I get it, who doesn't? If we tear that building down, people that went 2 school there who have some deep pockets will be unwilling to donate for anything going forward. Also I think we need a space 4 the food pantry that isn't in the library foyer covering up many families plaques that they paid for 2 donated money 2. Know who 2 please in the community - it's not the young people living here for 5 years & moving out. It's the old people that went 2 school in the building people would like it dow

Need more space for kids to get energy out, especially in the winter. - Very few options for gym with child care available nearby. This is something that I am interested in, but not sure if the city should be paying for it directly or encourage private sector to move in. - If new library is built, what are the plans for current library? Our library has done very well offering a variety of services in current space. Are people using services enough to expand?