

Really? The best t-shirts EVER?!

In full disclosure I am part of the planning committee, however I feel the t-shirt designs released for our upcoming Sesquicentennial Celebration (August 12-13) are pretty much the coolest t-shirts ever! Check out the link [HERE](#) to see all four designs plus hat options. ***Deadline to place your order is Sunday, May 1st.*** The goal is to get the shirts delivered by June so everyone will have them to wear during the celebration. Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate a couple of the great, or interesting, businesses that used to call Ely home! Now let's get you caught up on this past month.

To start off the 2nd & 3rd readings took place for a zoning change on the old Cozzie property at the north end of town (corner of State & Mabie). Council approved the readings and the zoning change was approved after the 3rd reading. Abode Development, who owns the property, plans to start on the project later this year. At this time the plan is for a mix of commercial and residential properties. Development will take several years to complete.

Next, council approved to purchase an electric vehicle charging station. The city received a \$15,000 grant towards the purchase of this station which will be placed in the downtown area. With the continued commitment from auto makers to move towards all electric vehicle offerings this will give another benefit for those visiting Ely. There will be an app on the charging station that allows people to pay to charge their vehicle any time of the day.

Third, Admin Thompson gave an update on the waypoint sign at the south end of Ely. The city has come to an agreement with the landowners to place a sign similar in design (but smaller) than the one on the north end of town. The city will be working through the next steps and hope to be moving forward soon with installing the sign.

Fourth, another update was given on a wide variety of grant opportunities at the county, state and federal levels. Admin Thompson ask for permission from council for staff and myself to pursue these grants through a variety of grant writing, meetings, etc. Most grants are infrastructure-related and would help to get projects rolling in our town. Hopefully we will have positive news to share in the near future!

Fifth, council approved authorizing early redemption of two different loans the city has been paying on since 2012 and 2014. Paying these loans off early will save on interest and open up funding for future projects that qualify under TIF districts such as the downtown area.

Lastly, an update on the trunk sewer project going on along Hoosier Creek. Progress has been made up to Vavra Park and most of the older sections of town have been connected to the new system. The project will now move north laying new line that will provide service up to top edge of town . The project will continue through 2022. Due to the location of the project there will be

minimal impact on traffic through town.

Thanks for taking the time to get caught up. As always if you have any questions feel free to reach out to myself, council members or staff.

Until next time!

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