## Let's keep the good times rolling!

First off, I'm excited to announce I will be running for re-election in November! The last eight years have flown by as we worked to make our city more efficient, and better-serving, to our residents including changes to staffing, policy improvements, technology upgrades, infrastructure improvements and more. This has allowed for increased city events, additional communication outlets, and more residential engagement. We have also been hard at work bringing along projects residents have long-requested including improvements to State Street, the downtown area, a sidewalk on Banner Valley, additional parking at City Park just to name a few. I want to continue this work during the next four years to help bring current projects through to completion. Now let's get you caught up on the month!

Some more exciting news! Council approved the construction plans for Phase 1 of a **sidewalk** installed along the south side of **Banner Valley Road**! The project was sent out for bid and will be reviewed later in September. The initial phase will be for a sidewalk from Pacific to Rock Island. Additional engineering is being completed on the section from Rock Island to Glendale and will be included as on optional add-on based on the overall project budget. The goal is to have the first phase completed no later than May 2024.

Third, the search for a **new City Administrator** is in process. Adam's last day with the city is September 5th. The city is accepting applications through Sept 12th. There will be two rounds of interviews (zoom & in person) with the goal of offering the position by the end of September and having the new person in place in October. If you are interested, or know someone who may be a good candidate, click <u>HERE</u> for more information.

Lastly, we have **Fall Fest** just around the corner in September. This annual event has become a social cornerstone in our community over the years. To stay up to date for this year's event visit <u>HERE</u>. Also, Fall Fest is always in **need** of **volunteers**. Check out opportunities to help by clicking <u>HERE</u>.

Thanks for taking the time to get caught up. If you have any questions on what is going on in your town feel free to reach out.

Until next time!

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