

Spring is just around the corner...hopefully.

I'm sure you are like me and are ready for warmer temperatures and longer days. Winter has not been too harsh this year, however I am ready for green lawns, colorful flowers and just being outside without having to bundle up. While we dream a bit for those days to come let's get you caught up on the past month in Ely.

First off, the second and third readings of the updated ordinance for Golf Carts and UTV's were read and passed by council. The updated ordinance will take place soon and the city will share information with residents on what the next steps will be. For more info on the changes please click the link [HERE](#).

Second, a public hearing is set for March 7th at 7:00pm relating to the adoption of the FY23 budget. To view the proposed budget click [HERE](#).

Third, another public hearing is set for March 7th at 7:00pm relating to the adoption of the updated Capital Improvement plan. Council and staff are reviewing the current plan, rating new projects to add to the plan, and removing ones that have been completed. The new plan will be presented to the public during the hearing.

Fourth, we have one more public hearing and this one is set for March 21st at 7:00pm. The hearing is for a request to rezone approximately 80 acres from A-1 (agriculture) to C-2 (commercial) for the land on the east side of State Street across from Harger's Acoustics. This request was made by Abode Construction who plans to start the first phase of their project by developing a commercial area on the north side of town.

Fifth, council approved an agreement with Bolton & Menk to provide GIS Services for a period of 5 years. This agreement will help the city design and implement a digital mapping system for all city roads and utilities. More services will be added in the future allowing for an online mapping system for residents to utilize to report issues, get updates, etc. \$20,000 of this project is funded by a grant and \$17,946.00 is funded by the city.

Lastly, I wanted to pass along a reminder for seniors in the area. The Ely American Legion Auxiliary is offering three \$555 scholarships this year. You can apply for one of these scholarships by clicking on the link [HERE](#). The deadline to apply is March 31st.

Thanks for taking the time to get caught up. Once again if you have any questions you can always feel free to reach out to myself, a council member or staff. We'd love to help!

Until next time!

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