

Summer is in full swing

The corn is above our heads, the humidity levels are high, and sweet corn is just hitting the stands. For those of you that are fans of summer this is the month you have been waiting for! July's council meeting was a longer than normal with nearly 30 agenda items! For context we normally have 10-15. Due to the length of the meeting my newsletter I will touch on a few highlights. You can read the entire minutes by clicking [HERE](#). Starting in August the city is moving from one meeting to two meetings a month. The first meeting will be the 1st Monday of the month. This meeting will be more of a work session format. The second meeting will be on the 3rd Monday of the month and will handle more of the typical business agenda items. Please make note of this change if you regularly attend meetings or have started watching them online. Now let's get you caught up.

First off, a public hearing was held on a loan agreement to cover the cost for road repairs to Knoll Court and North Drive. After hearing no comments from the public the council voted to approved the loan agreement. Bids will be presented in August with the goal of awarding the project and having the work completed this fall yet. Please note, the chip and seal for roads in the downtown area and Vista Road are coming out of the regular streets budget and have already been approved. Those will be completed this summer as well.

Next, the final reading was held to amend the dangerous animal ordinance by removing breed specific language and adding in a proof of insurance section. After hearing no comments from the public council voted to approve the third reading and then voted to adopt the amended ordinance. To review the changes to the ordinance click [HERE](#).

Third, council voted to set a public hearing to declare various city property and equipment as surplus and prepare for its disposal. The hearing will be held Monday, August 3rd. More details will be released on that time on what will be available and how the public can bid on the items.

Fourth, staff presented information on installing a server and technology updates at City Hall so the computers could be networked and information better protected. The plan also included installing security cameras at City Hall that would be tied to the server. Council approved the plan and the cameras were installed this month.

Fifth, council discussed a request by staff to establish a sewer benefit district and a water benefit district. This will allow the city to establish connection fees for those areas that will serve future development and will help to offset the cost of the capital infrastructure projects (water and sewer extensions). The motion was approved to establish both districts and staff will work through the details and present a new ordinance at a future meeting.

Staff presented a Capital Improvement Plan for 2021-2025 to council. To view that presentation and timeline click [HERE](#). The goal is to have input from staff in July so a draft CIP can be presented to council and the public in August. After input from the public, and multiple reviews by council, the goal is to adopt the plan in time for budget planning for next fiscal year.

Staff also proposed a Sidewalk Inspection Program. The program details a plan to inspect sidewalks within the city to identify repairs that need to be made and also identify infill areas where sidewalks are missing. Council will discuss this program at a future meeting once all of the details are in place and vote on its implementation. To view the presentation click [HERE](#).

Thanks again for taking the time get caught up. There is always a lot going on in our town and if you ever have any questions or concerns I encourage you to reach out to myself, council members or staff. We will gladly work to get you answers.

Until next time!

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