Let your voice be heard!

The city is working on a variety of projects and we need to hear from you!

First off there will be **three public hearings** at next Monday's Council Meeting, August 2nd:

- 1) Trunk Sewer Project from the WWTP to Mabie Rd along Hoosier Creek.
- 2) Shoulder Improvement Project on the northern portion of State Street.
- 3) Installation of a Parking Lot next to City Hall.

To view the specs on these three projects click <u>HERE</u>. Monday is your opportunity to ask questions on the projects. The next step after the public hearing will be for council to review the specs and put the projects out for bid. At the following council meeting winning bids will be rewarded and final project information will be shared with the public including timelines.

Second, the City will be hosting a *Spark Session* on Tuesday, August 10th, for residents to share their vision for the Old Town District in Ely. This encompasses the entire area from Fuhrmeister to Rowley and State to Main. A tent will be set up in the Fire Station parking lot for the entire day and the public is invited to stop by at any time and give their input on how we can improve this area for the community. The engineering firm conducting the study will be on hand with graphic designers showing up-to-moment design concepts as input is given. Click <u>HERE</u> for more information and the opportunity to take a survey leading up to the event.

Lastly, the city has some fun events coming up I wanted to share with you:

- 1) August 6th & 7th is the **City-wide Camp Out**, including Music in the Park on Friday and a Movie in the Park on Saturday. For more information click <u>HERE</u>.
- 2) August 14th is the inaugural **Ely Open**. This is a for-fun golf tournament played throughout town. Starting at 9am you will see a larger-than-normal number of golf carts as players navigate the course. Extra measures will be in place on State Street to slow traffic due to crossing points at Vavra and Vista for the event. I invite you to stop by the "Clubhouse" (House Divided) in the afternoon to join participants as this event is sold out!
- **3)** September 10th the city will be closing down Dows in the downtown area from noon-5pm for a **Community Block Party** leading up to the Luke Bryan Concert. More information will be shared as we get closer to the event.
- **4)** September 24th & 25th is our annual **Ely Fall Fest** You can keep up with the events going on this year by clicking <u>HERE</u>.

Thanks for taking the time to get caught up. I encourage you to participate in the Public Hearings and the Spark Session. These events are set up so your voice can be heard pertaining to the projects the city is working on.

Until next time!

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