

A Celebration 150 Years in the Making!

Next month, we are celebrating Ely's Sesquicentennial. On August 12th, 1872 Ely was officially platted as a town. Join us for two days full of events, nostalgia, and also learn a bit of history about your town. For a list of events click [HERE](#). Most events are sponsored by local businesses and any extra funds generated by the event will go towards a veterans memorial in town. We are still looking for participants for the Dad Joke Competition on Friday night. If you want to be crowned King of Dad Jokes sign up [HERE](#). Lastly, with every fun event volunteers are needed. Rally your neighbors together to serve drinks in the beer tent for a couple hours or help out with setting up for the day. There are a variety of ways you can help make this event a success. Click [HERE](#) to sign up! Now let's get you caught up on the month!

First off, Admin Thompson updated council that paint had been received and staff started repainting the trail markings, crosswalks, curbs, etc. This is much needed as paint could not be acquired last year. Also, in September portions of Vista Road and Banner Valley will have a fresh coat of chip seal applied. This is a short-term solution as the city continues to work on long-term plans to improve these roads.

Second, during the next meeting, August 1st, Speer Financial will be at the meeting to review the Drinking Water Treatment Facility and other major projects helping council better understand funding options to make these projects a reality in the future. MSA will be attending the second council meeting, August 15th, to discuss the ongoing Old Town District project and the next phase that will take place.

Third, a public hearing will take place at the August 1st meeting to discuss adopting an updated zoning code for the city. The Planning & Zoning Committee has been working for a couple years on updating the city's code. It is ready to be presented to council and get public comment on the updates. The updated code will be posted to the city website soon for everyone to review.

Fourth, council approved a preliminary plat for Founder's Grove Addition. This land is located on the south side of Rogers Creek Road just north of the Deer Valley Addition. The plat showed approximately 125 lots containing mostly single family homes with a handful of duplexes. Construction on the 1st phase could start as early as this year with approximately 20-25 lots. When the first phase is complete it will create an east side access for residents from Rogers Creek down to south end of State Street. The development is owned by the Watts Group.

Lastly, a request was received for a 60-working day extension on the sewer line project. The contractor has been working diligently on the project, however they have been slowed due to a variety of challenges. Council granted the extension of time which will be at no additional cost to the city. The goal is to have the project completed this Fall. Once again the construction of this project has minimal impact on residents as most of the work is being done along Hoosier Creek.

Thanks for taking the time to get caught up. I hope you can stop out and enjoy the sesquicentennial celebration next month. The event committee, along with staff, has put in countless hours bringing this celebration together. As you will see by clicking on the schedule link above the two days are jam packed with fun events, food and music for the entire family. The committee is requesting that if you purchased a sesquicentennial t-shirt that you wear it during the weekend. We'd love to see all of those shirts celebrating businesses of the past together in one location! Look forward to seeing you there!

Until next time,

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