



Things are starting to heat up!

We are officially halfway through 2020. I know, for most of us, it feels like we've already gone through a full year. Here's to the hope that the last half of 2020 goes a little smoother for everyone. After having relatively light meetings in April and May due to COVID restrictions June was our first meeting back in the council chambers and we had enough agenda items for 2-3 meetings! I will touch on the highlights, however if you want to review the minutes from the entire meeting click [HERE](#). Also, meetings are now streamed online each month. Visit the City's Facebook page to access the link if you would like to follow along from the comfort of your own home.

First off, the 2nd reading for the new Mobile Food Truck ordinance took place. With no comments from council, or the community, council voted to approve the 2nd reading and then voted to waive the 3rd reading. A final vote took place to adopt the new ordinance. As with any new ordinance I always highly recommend that council reviews the ordinance in 12 months to make sure it is working the way it was intended.

Next, the 2nd reading took place updating the Vicious Animal Ordinance and after hearing no comments from the community, council voted to approve the reading. The 3rd reading will take place at the July meeting. If the 3rd reading passes then the ordinance will be adopted. To better understand the changes taking place with the ordinance click [HERE](#). The goal of updating the ordinance was to put more responsibility on the owner and less on the specific breed of dog. If you have any questions, or concerns, I would recommend that you reach out to your council members to discuss before the July meeting.

Third, a public hearing was set for the July meeting to discuss funding for a street project that includes improvements to portions of North Drive and Knoll Court along with resurfacing Traer, Fuhrmeister, Main Streets and Vista Road. If the funding is approved the goal will be to fix these roads later this summer.

Fourth, City Admin Thompson recommended a transition from one council meeting a month to two. With the ever-growing agendas this will allow the council to have a more business-related agenda the first meeting

and a work session-type second meeting. After discussing possible dates Council agreed to change from a single meeting on the 2nd Monday of the month to two meetings taking place the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. This change will go into effect start in August. The City will put out reminders to the public leading up to the new dates. The time of the meetings will remain the same, meetings starting at 7:00pm.

Fifth, council approved the purchase of three speed indicator signs and two flashing crosswalk signs. The initial plan proposed by staff is to install the speed indicator signs at the north and south ends of State Street and one on Jappa Road heading into town. The signs will provide feedback for drivers as to the speed they are driving. Data will also be collected by each sign that the city can utilize for future decisions on street improvements (traffic counts) and safety measures (average speed data). Staff also discussed the possibility to move the signs around town to help serve as speed reminders in different areas as well. The flashing pedestrian crossing signs will be installed at crosswalks on State Street.

Sixth, council approved the purchase of a new digital scoreboard for one of the ball fields at City Park. The new scoreboard should be installed soon. When funding is available the goal is to purchase a second scoreboard so both fields will have a one.

Lastly, staff presented an alternate 4th of July parade route to council with the goal of spreading out spectators. Council members discussed different factors which included weighing in on current state and local health guidelines, actions of immediate surrounding communities pertaining to their parades, and actions of other groups within Ely pertaining to their events. Council then voted to postpone this year's parade with the goal of potentially holding it as part of Fall Fest in late September. Keep an eye out for future updates.

Thanks for taking the time to get caught up. One last note, the photo for this month's newsletter is one of the new pieces of equipment going up at the Ely Community Center Park next to City Hall. Work is still being completed on the new playground. Later this summer the City will announce when the playground will be opened to the public. A big *Thank You* to Keith and Justine Schulte for their donation to help make this project possible.

Until next time!

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