

# Welcome to Summer!

This month has been a busy one for council. Let's get you caught up on what is going on.

First off City Admin Thompson gave an update on the **Community Center** project after the open house. The committee is updating the plans according to feedback received. New drawings and designs will be presented to the public during the 4th of July Pancake Breakfast at a tent next to the fire station. Later in July they will be posted online and also presented at a council meeting. The goal is to have a referendum on the November ballot for residents to decide if this is a project they would like to move forward with. For more information on this project click [HERE](#).

Second, a discussion was held on staff's initial **plan for roadway maintenance**. Staff demoed equipment that will help fill cracks and other imperfections in the roads to help keep the quality of our road surfaces for as long as possible. Further details on this plan will be presented at a future meeting.

Third, discussion was held on the **charging station** in front of the library. The station was put in place largely due to a grant received in partnership with Alliant Energy. The city will be activating the station soon for use. Payment will be done via an app on your phone. The city will review the data after the station has been on for a few months and then decide if any changes need to be made.

Fourth, a discussion was held about apply a **hard surface to a portion of Rogers Creek Road** and improvements to the surface of the bridge leading up to the new development, Founders Grove. The city is working with the developer to make these improvements while they are building the infrastructure for the development. TIF funds from the development will pay for the improvements.

Fifth, the city is close to launching a **new GIS program** that will be available for residents via an app on your phone. This app will help residents easily report issues around town, get updates on projects in their area, and better understand where and when future projects will take place. More information will be shared soon by the city. This program is being partially funded by a Rural Iowa Grant.

**Portions of Main Street will be closed on July 4th** for the Fireman's Pancake Breakfast in the morning. Also the standard parade route will be closed from approximately 6pm-8pm during the parade. The city is always looking for individuals to watch their street corners during the parade to keep everyone safe. If you can help out please sign up [HERE](#). It is greatly appreciated!

One final reminder: The city does not have a fireworks display on the 4th, however **fireworks** are allowed to be shot off in Ely starting June 29th through July 4th until 10pm at night with the exception of 11pm on the 4th. Please be mindful of your neighbors and give them a heads up if you are shooting off fireworks. Heck, invite them over, make this a time to get to know each other a bit better. Enjoy and be safe!

Thanks for taking the time to get caught up. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to myself, a council member or staff. We'd love to hear from you!

Until next time!

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