

It's time to recognize!

It's time recognize our 2022 Ely Citizen of the Year. This year we had two nominees that were so great we decided to recognize them both! Clary Illian and Barb Horak are this year's winners! Click [HERE](#) to read their nomination. I invite everyone to a Community Potluck this Sunday at the Legion to celebrate these two, their contributions to our town and socialize with neighbors over an old-fashion potluck meal. For more info click [HERE](#). Now let's get you caught up on the month!

First off a public hearing was held, and a resolution was passed, approving and adopting the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget. This year's budget holds the tax rate at \$10.95 per \$1000 of taxable evaluation. The funds will be used for local services, planning for future projects and community needs.

Second, council approved a Citizen Complaint Policy. Council reviewed a policy put together by staff and reviewed by legal. This policy creates a more uniform process for working through citizen complaints and making sure they are handled properly. A form will be put online soon for residents to fill out via the city website or they can be filled out in-person at City Hall.

Third, council approved a resolution updating the Golf Cart, All-Terrain Vehicle and UTV registration process. The owner of a vehicle will register with the clerk's office and will be issued a numbered colored flag that they will display to verify annual registration of the vehicle. More information will be shared with the public soon.

Fourth, a public hearing was held to amend the zoning code for approximately 90 acres within city limits on the north end of town (east of State Street, south of Mabie Road). 65 acres are being zoned commercial and 25 acres are being zoned for single family construction. The request was reviewed by Planning & Zoning and they recommended to approve the request. After no comments from the public the first reading was held and approved by council. The second reading will take place at the next council meeting. As a reminder to the public at this stage council is reviewing if the zoning request makes sense for the area. Details on the exact type of construction and/or types of businesses will be presented at a later stage in the project by the developer.

Lastly, council reviewed a bridge inspection report from Linn County. The city has a contract with the county to inspect the bridges every two years. Council asked to add all significant culverts within the city to the contract as well. At this time all bridges within the city are in good working condition.

Thanks for taking the time to get caught up. As a reminder limb pick up will start again in April. Keep an eye out from the city on a specific start time. Also, Citywide Clean Up Day will be Saturday May 21st. The city will be posting more information on this soon so you can take advantage of this great service.

Until next time!

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