

## An October to Remember!

Let's start this off with some great news! This month Ely received its largest grant ever! Linn County awarded Ely **\$1,000,000** from the 2nd round of ARPA Funding to put towards a new water treatment facility. This facility would eliminate the yellow water issues we have by reducing the iron and hardness in our water. The RFQ has gone out for the engineering portion of the project and council will be discussing the project in more detail during council meetings in November.

Another reminder, tomorrow, 11/1, at 6:00pm there will be a **Q&A on the proposed Municipal Complex** (library, city services & rec component). This is a great opportunity to become more informed about this project and ask questions. You can attend in-person at St John's Lutheran Church or online via Zoom. It will also be broadcast on FB Live as well. For more information, and the link to attend online, click [HERE](#). Now let's get you caught up on the rest of the month!

The first and second readings took place on an increase for solid waste rates. This increase ranges between \$0.25 to \$0.75 a month depending on the level of service. The rate increase was executed by WM Service due to increased fuel and operating costs beyond 10% in one year which is allowable in our contract. WM's goal is to not increase rates again through the final four years of the contract as long as we do not experience another extreme jump like the one that took place this year. The third and final reading will take place at the next council meeting

Council discussed the **Banner Valley sidewalk and road project**. City Admin Thompson presented a scope of service and a rough cost estimate to add in a sidewalk along Banner Valley on the south side. The project would be done in three phases to spread out the cost of the project over several years. The last phase of the project would be to asphalt Banner Valley Road. Future stop signs and crosswalks would be added as well. This project will be discussed again in November with the hopes to approve the first step of engineering the project to determine final cost estimates and scope of the project.

Council approved plans for repairs on the North Drive cul-de-sac and also Broadview Court to improve drainage and stormwater management. These projects will take place in early 2023.

The City plans on a **citywide tree trimming project** to take place in November. This process will bring all trees hanging over the roads into compliance with the height requirements set by the city. Trees hanging over the sidewalks are still the responsibility of homeowners.

Lastly, council spent some time discussing the proposed CO2 pipeline and its close proximity to the north side of Ely. Council requested to have a representative from Wolf attend a future meeting to discuss details and answer questions from council and the city staff.

Thanks for taking the time to get caught up. As always feel free to reach out with any questions.

Until next time!

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