

# Life is all about changes.

The month of May is a busy one in the Miller household. Our oldest is graduating from Prairie and our youngest just got her license. As school winds down we are celebrating accomplishments and also looking forward to the next phase of life. Each phase has something to look forward to, but also some things you will miss, that's just part of life! Now let's get you caught up on the month.

First off, council approved the **Old Town District project design for phase 1** which includes a portion of Main Street and all of Traer Street. Staff will work with the engineering firm to put this out to bid later this summer. Depending on how the bids come in the project could start as early as this Fall, but most likely it will take place in 2024. This project is for infrastructure improvements including storm sewer, sidewalks, curb & gutter, street, on-street parking and a parking lot (next to Dan & Debbies).

Second, council discussed updating the city code for **livestock standards** in town based on lot size. Council agreed for city staff to move forward working on this code with the Planning & Zoning Committee. If you are interested in this process I would urge you to attend a future P&Z meeting which takes place the 2nd Monday of every month at 6pm at City Hall.

Third, staff discussed **moving the compost facility** from the property near the water tower back to Public Works. By relocating the fence on the north end staff could create a safe place to drop off compost that would be better monitored to reduce some of the current issues. This is not a long-term solution, however it would improve the current one. Council agreed to move forward and staff will report back when they have finalized the plans for council to approve. Council also requested additional information on a yard waste program from Waste Management to review at a future meeting.

Fourth, staff discussed **a new parking lot at the north end of City Park**. City Admin Thompson requested to move forward with Bolten & Menk as the engineering firm to help plan the parking lot. Council approved to start the process.

Fifth, staff lead a discussion on both a water and a sewer tapping fee ordinance. This fee would be paid by new construction that benefits from the infrastructure recently installed by the city. Staff will work to create a draft ordinance and will present to council at a future meeting.

Lastly, an **open house will be held Tuesday, June 6th, at St John's Lutheran Church to review the plans for a new Community Center**. After surveying the public last winter a committee worked with FEH to create tentative plans to meet as many of the needs as possible. The open house will be from 5:30-6:30pm with a formal presentation starting at 6:30pm include a time for Q&A. There will be an online option as well. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Thanks for taking the time to get caught up. If you have any questions about what is going on in our town feel free to reach out to myself, a council member or staff. We'd love to help out!

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