

A September to Remember

I started September announcing my run for re-election as Mayor. Now I am finishing the month announcing I have stepped down as Mayor and accepted the role as City Administrator. What a month! Just a bit of background. Since August I was considering applying for the Admin role. After talks with key mentors in my life, along with family and friends, I decided to apply. Brent Hinson with Hinson Consulting did a great job guiding council through a fair process to consider an internal candidate along with the rest of the applicants and I appreciate council's faith that I will be a great hire for this position. I want to let you know I will apply all of the passion and dedication I had as mayor to this role to serve the community and continue to strive to make Ely a fantastic place to live and visit. I bring nearly 25 years of management experience, 17 years of residential experience, and 8 years of mayoral experience to the role. My official first day in office will be October 9th, but for those who know me, I am already working to keep things moving forward during the transition. Now let's get you caught up on the month!

Big news! The low bid was accepted for the Banner Valley sidewalk project. The first phase will be a 5' wide sidewalk on the south side of Banner Valley from Pacific to Rock Island including improvements to the road portions where the sidewalk crosses. Phase 1 will be completed by May of 2024, however early indications from the winning bid is that they would like to complete most of the work this fall yet! We will be communicating with everyone as they get closer to their start date. Phase 2 from Rock Island to Glendale is being engineered and will be put out to bid later this year. If Phase 2 fits in this year's fiscal budget it will be included, if not it will be completed in the near future.

Phase 1 of the new Founders Grove development off of Rodgers Creek Road was approved and includes approximately 35 lots. The developer's goal is to start on at least 5-6 houses this fall yet with more to come in the Spring. If you have friends or family looking to move to Ely there will be an opportunity to build in this new development including single family homes and duplexes similar to the Deer Valley development.

Next, a couple small road projects will be completed this fall as well. The city will be filling in the seams on Jappa road to make that area a smoother drive. We will also be replacing a stretch of Banner Valley just east of the 3-way stop at Pacific to fix an area that is cracking and heaving.

Lastly, an agreement was approved with MMS to engineer a new parking lot on Main Street next to the future Krob's development. This public parking lot will also service Dan & Debbie's and add additional parking options for events in the city including the Legion. The city will be utilizing approximately \$177,000 in grant funding from the recently completed sewer and water projects to pay for a majority of this project.

In closing, this will be my final newsletter in this capacity. By my count I have sent 93 newsletters since being elected in 2016! When I begin my new role I plan on working with staff to reach out to residents to understand the best way you like to get your information on what is going on in your town. If this newsletter format is popular we will continue it in some form or

fashion. I truly appreciate all your support during my time as Mayor and I look forward to serving you in my new role as City Administrator.

Thank you,

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