

Manager's Message

The Town's Annual Harvest Daze weekend went very well overall until the heavy rains came just after 7:00pm on Saturday evening causing the bands and beer garden to shut down early. The fireworks still went off as scheduled and hopefully everyone enjoyed this year's event as we had a nice turnout for all activities. I want to thank all of our sponsors and volunteers for making this year's Harvest Daze weekend another successful event.

The Grand Avenue Road & Sidewalk Project is wrapping up as Mountain Constructors is installing several crosswalk and speed control signs and finishing a few small landscaping items. The project turned out very well and I've received plenty of positive comments the past two weeks on how nice the improvements are. The last road project for this year will be the chip sealing in all of Old Homestead and Rogers Farm that is expected to begin around September 21st. Another contractor will be working on sidewalk patching in various parts of town to include grinding and some slab replacements. These will conclude our budgeted capital projects for the year as we prepare for new projects next summer.

Each year as summer ends I start the annual budget process with the department heads to draft a budget for the following year for Board consideration. Typically the operations of each department don't change much from year to year unless there's new programs or staffing that needs to be addressed. The longer discussions usually occur around identifying and prioritizing capital projects and how many projects can be funded and which funds to use. Most of our capital projects get funded through the Capital Improvement Fund but since the General Fund has become very stable more projects can be considered using these funds as well. I will discuss budget items in more detail next month once the draft budget is complete and ready for Board review.

I've been receiving more questions recently regarding gravel pits being developed in the surrounding area and how Platteville will be impacted with the additional traffic in the next few years. I will confirm that there are several large gravel pits within a few miles of town that have obtained State permits including one at the southwest corner of SH66 & CR19, one at SH60 & CR42, and another even closer at CR32.5 and CR21 which is in town limits. There are others in the area including the active pit at US85 & SH60 but these new ones will be much more active with significant truck traffic. The majority of gravel trucks will use the highways to take aggregate south to Denver while some will go north but some of the trucks will have to use county roads such as CR21 just west of Platteville. CDOT and Weld County are working together to design intersection improvements at SH66 & CR21 including widening of the intersection and implementing turning lanes but no traffic signal (i.e. light). Construction is scheduled to begin next summer on this intersection before most of the increased truck traffic begins.

Due to the increased truck traffic that will directly impact our community I've been working with CDOT to design improvements for the SH66 & Main Street intersection. Adding turning lanes and installing a permanent traffic signal will help traffic flow much better as now vehicles trying to turn against traffic causes significant backups. Once the design and engineering is completed I'll work with CDOT to find funding for construction which will be much more difficult. Please be patient on the highways as traffic is only going to get worse in the coming years.

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