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MAYORS UPDATE September 2021

First of all, let me brag about two city employees. Christina Bartlett has fulfilled the state requirements and training to become certified as a Municipal City Clerk /Treasurer for the State of Idaho. A first for Elk River. She has done an excellent job networking with City Clerks throughout Idaho which has already proved to be a valuable source of outreach for us. Thank you for your patience with weird City Hall hours last week while she was in Boise. Randy Ball has passed his wastewater treatment licensing tests and will be taking his water license tests soon. Elk River hasn't had our own licenses for at least 15 years. We've been contracting outside licenses at a substantial monthly cost to the City.

Fall Clean up begins Friday, Oct 1st and ends on Wednesday, October 6th.

Paving on Front Street will take place this week to patch our serious holes! Finally! Our speed hump on Front Street has generated a lot of positive feedback from you. Might be a few more coming.

We purchased a 1983 950 Wheel loader from the Clearwater Highway District for \$30,100. This loader is 10 years newer than ours with far fewer hours. Then we sold our 1973 960 loader for \$13,200 to a local person with the understanding that we would be able to use it as a backup. Our new mutual aid agreement with the Highway District allows us to use their backhoe when needed, eliminating the need to purchase one.

Update on Rob Davis's Subdivision. It's coming along slowly but surely. The final plan is in the hands of two engineers. One has reviewed water and sewer plans and the other is currently reviewing lots and streets. Rob and I want our future residents to know that the City is not holding up this project in any way. As soon as the final engineering plan hits my desk we will call a special Council Meeting to review and pass the plan. It seems crazy slow but has to be done right.

City Hall/Community Center flood mitigation update. A final plan was approved by the Council to activate our grant and get this work done. This will include new sidewalks, retaining wall and grading to divert water away from the building. This will be awesome for our Museum.

We are keeping a close eye on a possible Moderna Vaccine booster. If it is deemed necessary to have, we will have another Vaccination Clinic.

Thanks for listening!

Mayor Dave