

April Mayor's Minute

Spring is here and the town is starting to lose its gray winter looks... grass is turning green trees blooming. I would like to report on the city hall landscape. My wife, yes, the first lady herself has volunteered to take on this project. She is working on the North/West Corner first then will move to the Reagan Street flower bed. Plans are to do these first then see where we are and work on the other two corners either later this year or wait until next year. I want to thank her for doing this along with the 2 classes of school children that volunteered and the girl scouts. When it gets to the point of planning the annuals Lisa will get in touch with you guys. I've seen her plans and it's going to look VERY nice...

Guess you saw about the \$5000 Donation City received from Union Pacific for the repairs to the Depot. This is a wonderful building and due to the lack of funds re-painting and fixing up the building took a back seat. This money will go far in getting necessary repairs and along with additional funds next year we should be able to get it painted and looking sharp.

Our meeting this month went well; I personally like having the "workshop" an hour before the regular meeting... This way the council can review all the items on the agenda and ask questions then have a chance to think about additional concerns or questions before it come up during the regular meeting. These workshops also allow us to have various people up to go over items that need explaining in detail. As always the public is invited to these workshops along with the regular council meeting. Come out and get involved with your city!!!

One item we passed this last month is moving city workshops and regular council meetings to the West Community Center. All meetings will now be at this location. In the past we might have met at the City Hall or the Fire Station... all meetings big or small, workshop or regular meeting will now be at the community center. Better parking, access to bathrooms, handicap parking and built in power point screen and projector for our use in presenting projects to the council and public.

PAGE 2 APRIL 2012

We're working on updating the grease trap ordinance and will have a meeting next month to explain in detail our concerns and thoughts regarding this subject. To be fair to all every business that serves/prepares food should have some type of trap to collect grease. This will affect many non-profits and other organizations and I encourage everyone to attend this very

important meeting. The council wants to inform and get your input on this subject. As far as this item goes I need the citizens to help also. We're going to work on a campaign to educate the public as to the harm pouring grease down your kitchen sink causes at the waste treatment plant so do your part and dispose of your grease in containers not down the sink!!!

Museum committee will meet on the 24th so make plans to come out for this meeting at the community center and get more information on this exciting project. This is YOUR OWN, YOUR MUSUEM so come out and give the committee your ideas and suggestions.