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City Administrator's Report – August 16 – September 12, 2026

Citizen/Business/Inquiry/Correspondence/Meeting Items:

- Attended Meetings with City Council, Council Budget Work Session, Receptionist & Maintenance I Interviewing Process, High Forest Township, ROCOG, RAEDI – Communities Council, City Hall Staff, Public Works Staff, Library Staff, Finance Committee – Budget Preparation, Regional Transportation Forum, U of MN Data Centers Study Project, City Attorney – Updates, Library – Project Update, S.E.H. - North Traffic Lights Pre-Con, 2027 CIP Pre-Con, Olmsted County Public Works – 15th Avenue NE, Olmsted County Sheriff's Department, MnDOT – 15th Avenue NE & Hwy #30 Project Updates, Dairyland Power & Peoples Energy – Substation Planning, Area Regional Administrators, LMC – Cyber Security Work Session, Bear Cave Concert Series, and Stewartville Lions.



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Project & Item Updates:

- The Library Project frame-up work continues and utility service excavation has begun.



- Staff will continue working with our City Engineers and Dairyland Power and People's Energy, as all are working together on the design and planning for the new proposed 15th Avenue NE layout revisions. Staff is also coordinating discussions with Olmsted County for any possible assistance in any of the categories of proposed plans.

- Egan Companies has begun work on the North Traffic Lights Project. This project will continue through the Fall as they work the intersection and revised lane configurations, pedestrian ways/crosswalks, and electrical installation, toward a hopeful completion after the New Year, pending weather and the delivery of the Signal System Masts. MnDOT will coordinate the Light Start-Up and Programming. Reminder - Since through traffic will continue throughout the project work, it should be noted that from time to time, there will be lane shifts, and one-lane timeframes for the needed accommodation and safety of the construction work, which may mean of course, periodic delays in traffic flow.
- With the city's expanded growth to the Northwest, in both the commercial and residential categories of geography/topography and the associated absorption of sound, it is becoming necessary to expand the civil defense siren capacity. The County's Emergency Management Staff was down to review, with a recommendation for a new additional placement of a new siren in the Northwest Corner of Southern Hills, which will also help for the Bear Cave School Area, the Peterson Sub-Division, and Southeast Area of the Schumann Business Park. Staff instructed the County to bring back the cost information for Council approval, with funding coming from the Civil Defense Siren/Emergency Service Fund.
- The city will be part of another Regional grant program in coordination with SE MN Together and the U of MN looking at housing strategies for Stewartville to consider based on a research-based analysis of the community, focused on our housing needs and opportunities. Regular zoom or in-person meetings will address housing-innovation ideas and shared strategies to develop a housing strategy specific to Stewartville, including design deliverables (research materials, reports, etc.).
- The two (2) street and utility extension projects are progressing with the 2nd Avenue NW portion just about completed in the Schumann Business Park.
- As you aware, the Pool Season again saw another good year with attendance. Some additional work will now take place locating and repairing some plumbing and draining issues, as we discussed at a recent meeting wanting to wait until the swim season was over. This will require some outside sub-contracting work.
- The Bear Cave Park Summer Concert Series concluded with a wonderful ending concert on a beautiful evening to wrap up this year's season...!!
- Your next Regular Council Meeting is Tuesday – October 13, 2026 at City Hall.

