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City Administrator's Report – September 13 – September 30, 2026

Citizen/Business/Inquiry/Correspondence/Meeting Items:

- Attended Meetings with City Council, ROCOG, RAEDI – Communities Council, City Hall Staff, Public Works Staff, Library Staff, Regional City Administrators, U of MN Data Centers Study Project & Housing Strategies Study Project Kick-off, City Attorney – Updates, Library – Project Update, S.E.H. – Project Updates & Wastewater Treatment Facilities Study Kick-Off & Next Phase Petersen Subdivision Pre-Con & MnDOT – 15th Avenue NE & Hwy #30 Project Updates, Dairyland Power & Peoples Energy – Substation Planning, Olmsted County Sheriff's Department, AG Partners Open House, Stewartville Chamber Board, and Stewartville Lions Volunteer Events.

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Project & Item Updates:

The Library Project frame-up work continues.



Staff is working with Dairyland Power and People's Energy and High Forest Township, for a Conditional Use Permit, and soil borings and a driveway access, and security planning for the new proposed Electrical Substation.

Egan Companies work continues on the North Traffic Lights Project.

As you may recall from the last report, the city has had expanded growth to the Northwest, in both the commercial and residential categories of geography/topography and the associated absorption of sound, which has made it 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 general area of the Southern Hills/Petersen/Schumann Subdivisions. This will also help the Bear Cave School Area. Staff instructed the County to bring back the cost information, which you will find in your Council Agenda packet for your approval, with funding coming from the Civil Defense Siren/Emergency Service Fund.

The area cities had a kick-off meeting for the Regional grant program study in coordination with SE MN Together and the U of MN. This study will review of housing strategies for Stewartville, and will look at research-based analysis of the community, focused on our housing needs and opportunities. The base study committee will be in Stewartville for a site visit on Monday – November 16th (2 – 5 pm) and for any city or community representatives to meet with. Continued meetings will address housing-innovation ideas and shared strategies to develop a housing strategy specific to Stewartville, including design deliverables (research materials, reports, etc.) during the course of the study. Let Adam or myself know of any interest in participating.

The city is also participating with the communities of Olmsted County in a possible Food Scrap Recycling Program that the County is researching to help with overall waste reduction and environmental stewardship. This program would have the County provide a food waste metroSTOR locking dumpster, located adjacent to the city's plant composting site, and organics buckets to participants, and would coordinate the pick-up of the recycling food materials.

Staff will be coordinating an additional meeting for the public and affected property owners in the proposed Tebay's Industrial Park Improvement Project Area for an update on the proposed schedule and the potential improvements. Meeting information for 10/20/26 from 3 – 4 pm is on the attached flyer.

"Thanks To The Fire Department & Volunteers" for the Fire Prevention Educational Week Breakfast & Open House Events that were provided to all of our area citizens, friends, and neighbors!

Your next Regular Council Meeting is Tuesday – October 27, 2026 at City Hall.



