

City of Washburn 2021 Goals/Projects

So what is the City working on in 2021? We get that question from time to time, so we wanted to share with you what we will be working on for the next year or so. Besides the daily routine of: processing invoices, utility bills, ambulance bills, elections, cemetery matters, audits, various permits, reports and other state and federal imposed requirements, as well as numerous questions on a wide range of topics, we try to get some things done that we hope will lead to a better City! Recently, the Council approved a list of goals that will be our focus during the next year. Here, in summary and in no particular priority, are what they are:

- 1. Bayfield Street Reconstruction Phase 1 and Phase 2-** The first phase of this project is scheduled to start in 2024. It must be kept on track to meet a very tight timeline. Significant work needs to be done in creating the databases and processes necessary to communicate with affected property owners and the general public. In addition, there will be public presentations of the project, and decisions related to design and amenities such as decorative streetlights that need to be made.
- 2. Library Tuckpoint Project –** The Library raised the money, now we need to complete the project to meet the requirements of the funding sources. It is anticipated that this project will be released for bid in March and decisions made in April for the work to commence in the late spring/summer.
- 3. Ambulance Staffing –** The future of our community may very well depend on the stabilization of staffing in this department. A community without an ambulance service is not going to be able to grow or to be able to effectively attract visitors to the community. It literally is a ticking time bomb and this issue needs all the attention it can get. A review of various models of how to stabilize the staffing in the ambulance service is anticipated to occur in the coming months.
- 4. Brokedown –** The Council has decided to pursue an agreement with The Brewing Badger LLC for the redevelopment of the building. Significant time is going to be needed to spend on ushering through the development agreement and other zoning approvals necessary for the successful redevelopment of this property.

5. **Comprehensive Plan** – The Comprehensive Plan Update Project has started with the Plan Commission taking the lead. Staff will provide support for this project; however, other listed projects will have priority.

6. **Completion of Meter Replacement, Marina Pier 1, and Police Contract** - These are all projects that need to be finished in the coming months before any new projects are undertaken. There will be other smaller items along the way such as projects outlined in the budget, redistricting, and addressing long-term financial issues and staffing.

This is not everything that we will be working on, but it is a listing of the major projects known at this time. Let us know what you think. Follow along the next couple months and see how we do. Know that sometimes things will come up as the year progresses. If they do, priorities may need to be re-arranged.