

## City of Washburn 2022 Goals/Projects

So what is the City working on in 2022? 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:

**Bayfield Street Reconstruction Phase 1 and Phase 2-** For 2022, we intend to conclude preliminary planning on Phase 1 of the project with the DOT as they will then start to put together the detailed project plans and return in the fall for another public input session. The City will focus on preparing the water and sewer utility plans for Phase 1. We will also begin working with the DOT to begin the planning of Phase 2 of the project.

**Ambulance Staffing** – Assuming successful passage of the referendum, planning will continue on a transition of the service to a mixed full-time/paid on call model. The hiring process will start later in the year assuming a January start date. If the referendum is not successful, assume that there will be departures from the ambulance service and that other agencies will need to assist in coverage leading to further difficulties.

**Brokedown** – February and March will be pivotal for this project. Either the steps in the approved development agreement will continue, or the Council will be in a position to consider other proposals.

**Iron Works Sewer Line Re-Route** – As the Council has approved the plan for this project, work is expected to commence in late spring. This project is intended to lead to the expansion of the Iron Works which could then happen this year as well.

**West End Park Campground Expansion Planning** – Based on recent Council action, the Council will likely be in a position later this spring/early summer to consider next steps on the desire to increase camping at West End Park.

**Comprehensive Plan** – This has been in process and it is hoped that this project will be completed by the end of the year.

**Sidewalks** – A discussion should be held with the Council and the Public to determine what the desire is for sidewalks in the community. If there is a desire for sidewalks throughout the City or if there is only a desire for sidewalks in certain locations will have an impact on how this could/should be funded and implemented. An inventory of where sidewalks currently are located and their condition will need to be conducted first.

**Other Budgeted Projects/E-mail Conversion** – There are other projects approved in the budget such as the continuation of the improvement to the alleys in the City, and the purchase and demolition of a property on Pine Street. Another project that we had hoped to complete by now is a conversion of all of the e-mail addresses in the City to a .gov . This will take some time to coordinate and plan along with additional upgrades to our computer infrastructure.

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.