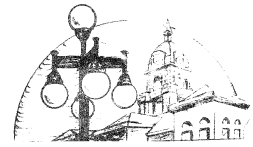


VINTON VIEWPOINT



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Coordinator Notes

With the advent of spring, we need to look at what projects are on line for this year. A couple of the projects will be dictated by last year's flooding. However, we are looking forward to some new projects.

We will be moving forward with recovering from the flood. One project will be the demolition of some of the houses that were determined to be structurally unsound and pose a threat to the public safety. There are 16 houses that will be demolished in this first round of demolitions. Fourteen of these houses are listed on the city's buyout application with FEMA—the remaining two are not on the buyout list. The remaining 15 houses on the buyout application will be demolished should the FEMA application be approved. This will take time, so we ask for everyone's patience. It takes a certain amount of time to recover from the worst natural disaster in a city's history.

If the buyout application is approved by FEMA and the city purchases the 29 properties on the application, FEMA puts very restrictive guidelines on future uses of the property. One avenue the city is considering is using many of the properties for a trail and park system.

Another project that is about to begin is the reconstruction of two blocks of 9th Street (3rd Ave to 1st Avenue, except the 2nd Ave intersection). This project is being funded through the local option sales tax that was approved in an election last year. We hope to

be able to work on several more roads that need work, but are limited to how much revenue the city receives through the local option sales tax. This is a good reason why we should consider shopping local--it is an investment in our community

Police Department

With the arrival of spring, we want to make sure our city presents the best possible image to visitors. Please make sure your property is not littered with trash and is mowed to an acceptable level. If we work to keep the city looking nice, we help with our collective self image and keep out unwanted visitors, such as wild animals and rodents. It is also a legal requirement under city code to keep trash and garbage from collecting on your property.

Economic Development

There has been a lot of talk about different companies wanting to relocate in Vinton. Vinton Unlimited has been working with some possible developments, but discussions about these opportunities may be limited. Many times a company will not want to draw attention to them because of turmoil that can be created in a company if they are looking to relocate or expand in another location. There is a possibility of a new hotel coming to Vinton, although no development agreements have been signed between the city and developers yet. We can only encourage those who want to stay informed to attend Council meetings on a regular basis or to read the local newspapers. Any new happenings with these developers or companies coming to Vinton will be discussed in these forums.

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