

Rhyme Record

June – 2024

As mentioned in our last newsletter, we have had a busy spring in the community. The voters went to the polls and returned Kristi King and Kasey Shumake to the city council and elected a new mayor, Kenny Crenshaw for two-year terms. Voters also approved three (3) propositions to improve city infrastructure! We will be bringing you updates on the projects as we go along.

Bond Propositions – Public Infrastructure:

- Proposition A:* Issuance of \$3 million dollars to drill, construct, and improve water wells.
- Proposition B:* Issuance of \$11 million dollars to construct, improve, and extend the West Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Proposition C:* Issuance of \$3.5 million dollars to construct, improve, and extend the sanitary sewer system.

Some of the first steps in beginning our projects is to start the formal engineering steps for the replacement of the West Wastewater Treatment Plant and the sanitary sewer lines. Staff will also be identifying the best placement of the water wells to maximize the flow of water. The financial advisors expect the bonds to be sold this fall and we can finalize the sequence of the projects.

Rollback Election

The rollback petition to change the tax rate from .437815 to .335372 per \$100 valuation was also approved by the voters. City staff are working with the Wise County Appraisal District to have refund checks issued to residents for the overpayment of taxes for this budget year. Be looking for checks from the district in your mailbox.

Staff will also be adjusting the current budget to remove the funding for roadway improvements that the .437815 tax rate would have generated.

New Stop Signs

You may have noticed the new stop signs on the bridge of Hwy 114 and US 81/87. This area had a significant increase in accidents after the bridge closure at US 81/287 and FM 3433 – 13 accidents in total since April 1st.

Chief Debus worked with the TxDOT representative to have the signs placed and

while the traffic flow is slower, it is a much safer area. Stop signs are now placed at both intersections of the bridge which helps with consistency for drivers.



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New Flags for Community

Council authorized funding for Staff to place new flags at the Veteran and Family Park to help observe military and patriotic holidays for the community. We will also be working to set flags at the city offices to show our support for our veteran's, military members, and country. We hope you like the new additions!

Siren Testing for Emergency Weather Events

With the continuing spring storms, we would like to remind our community that our emergency alert sirens are generally tested on the first Wednesday of each month at around 1:00 p.m. If the first Wednesday looks like it will have a bad weather event (rain), we will not test the sirens that day so we can actually warn our residents if the need arises.

We published in our April Newsletter that the By Well siren was not working properly. We are glad to report that it has been repaired.

Important Dates to Remember:

- ✓ June 4th – Bulk trash pick-up
- ✓ June 5th – Monthly outdoor warning siren test (weather permitting)
- ✓ June 8th – Annual Splash Days – Fire Department
- ✓ June 15th – Inclement weather date for Annual Splash Days (if needed)
- ✓ June 19th – City office closed for Juneteenth

Meetings at the Marie Moore Educational Center (Community Center next to the Fire Dept.)

- ✓ Council Meeting – June 7th for initial budget review
 - ✓ Council Meeting(s) – 13th and 27th at 6:00 p.m.
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Budget Work Begins for FY 2024-2025

The City Council team will begin the process of reviewing budget projections for our coming fiscal year to help guide staff when serving the community. We will bring you updates as decisions are made concerning Rhome.



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