



## Town Manager's Report

May 2, 2024

**Ladder Truck Update – Use of Contingency Funds** – This month we authorized C.W. Williams to repair the radiator and radiator fan for our ladder truck. The formal quote is less than originally anticipated and totals \$17,551.40. Funds for the fix have been taken from contingency. *For Your Information.*

**Timber Harvest Update** – The Town’s forester (Tim Harris – Headwaters Forestry) has concluded the timber cruise of the Town’s 750-acre tract and has prepared specifications for a timber sale. The total area to be harvested is approximately 192 acres. The Town attorney is reviewing the bid items, and we anticipate the timber sale being out for bidding within the next week with bids to be received before the June council meeting. *For Your Information.*

**Gate Two Road Transportation Corridor Study** – This month the town released a request for qualifications for engineering firms to complete a transportation corridor study for Gate Two Road and Central Avenue. A total of six firms responded, and staff are reviewing responses and hope to make a recommendation at your June or July meeting. The study area is from Will Suitt Road and Gate Two Road to Central Avenue and Westbrook Drive. The study will focus on defining and improving access along and in the Gateway area and recommending streetscape improvements along Central Avenue. The overall intent is to prepare for future growth and identify improvements to the transportation system. *For Your Information.*

**Greenway Bridge Update** – Structural engineering drawings have been completed and staff is working to identify contractors and obtain quotes. We have reason to believe the repair cost could be significant. *For Your Information.*

**Welcome Sign Logo** – The beautification committee recently recommended the addition of a Town logo to the backside of the welcome sign on Central Avenue. Staff is in agreement and believes this can be done with funds within the current year budget. Unless the council has an objection, we intend to move forward with this. *For Your Information.*

**Food Truck Fridays** – Staff has finalized the schedule for May, June, and July for food truck Fridays at Gazebo Park. The event will occur once a month between 11am and 2pm. The initial dates are as follows: May 10<sup>th</sup>, June 14<sup>th</sup>, and July 12<sup>th</sup>. *For Your Information.*

**Budget Presentation** – The FY24-25 recommended budget will be presented to Council and a public hearing scheduled for the June council meeting. *For Your Information.*