

MAYOR'S REPORT
FEBRUARY 9, 2022

Since our last meeting in January, a number of things have occurred.

The Community Building "Remodel Ideas" volunteer committee consisting of Charla Johnson, Cathy Bruce, Terry Gray, and Bonnie Gage have been very busy. So far they have initially done an overall assessment of the present condition of the inside walls and floors, completely gone through the kitchen draws and cupboards, cleaned the furnace room off the kitchen, and deep cleaned the meeting room next to the kitchen. Community Club members also went through their containers and will have a sale of items they no longer need in the near future. Dishware no longer used in the kitchen will either be sold or given away in the near future. Since we now have a new roof and new ceiling tiles inside the building, it is now time to consider updating/remodeling the interior. Some committee members on January 31st visited the community buildings in Henderson and Griswold to obtain some ideas for our building. They are now in the process of obtaining ideas and cost estimates from contractors and interior designers for eventual council review. I am excited about this project as the community building has not had any major remodeling done since the building was built in the mid 80s.

The council received a resignation letter from Marlin Gage, our current caretaker of the community building, to be effective March 1, 2022. On behalf of the city council and city staff I want to say THANK YOU to Marlin for his many years of service as caretaker.

We have officially traded in our current mower with many hours and repairs issues last year for a new 72" Zero-Turn mower.

I met with Rachel Reis, Glenwood/Mills County Economic Development Director, and other members of this group on February 2nd inside the office of CHAT Mobility. They provided refreshments for the group and then talked about their products, etc. I also gave a talk about all of our businesses in & close to Emerson as well as our current housing situation.

*Respectfully submitted,
Larry Johnson, Mayor*