

## Mayor's Corner

February 2018 Edition



As I write this edition, it is 51 degrees outside and sunny. You have to love the Midwest! Naturally, I am not complaining about the spring like temperatures and the fact that there is no snow on the ground.

I hope that all of you had a wonderful Valentine's Day and may be sensing that Spring is right around the corner. On these almost spring like days it has been wonderful to see so many people of all ages out and enjoying some warmer temperatures. And yes, I've even seen a few golf carts surfacing from their winter storage locations. I would like to start off with a warm wish for good luck to all those involved in winter activities in Lawson from sports, to music, to the various social organizations as many of you are preparing for competition at the next stages in your area's competition. Much like the Olympians, may all of you bring home the gold in your perspective events and activities.

On to the continued excitement that has been building for some time in Lawson surrounding economic growth and infrastructure updates. First off, thanks to Roger Schmitz and the Lawson School district for working with the city on the storm water project on the east side of the school to help defer water from the residents on Shephard Lane and move water into a holding area on the school property that ultimately will flow into the cities storm water basin. This is just one of many projects that are planned and will be completed in 2018. Additionally, the city will be working on the storm water project near the area of Raum and D Hwy down to Mabel Street that will address storm water challenges in this area to include those residents on 8<sup>th</sup> Terrace. This will take place in late May and into early June of 2018. The city will continue working on the storm water challenges flowing under D Hwy west of Clark Street and flowing under 5<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets. There are plans in place to clean-up the storm water drainage area and place additional tubes under 5<sup>th</sup> Street to help improve storm water flow and reduce the chances of flooding in these areas.

Finally, we have numerous streets targeted again for 2018 as well as 2019 to continue our infrastructure improvement projects funded by the bond that was approved and exercised in 2017. It is important that we continue to upgrade our

infrastructure to improve and maintain our wonderful town thus allowing us to focus on sustainable growth opportunities in both residential and commercial endeavors. In the meantime, we cannot forget about the number one goal for the city which is to cleanup Lawson and continue to make beautification improvements throughout the town. We are continuing to aggressively pursue vacant properties inside the city limit and improve areas where clean-up is needed. We are also focused on the goals that have come out of the comprehensive plan that will bring new and exciting opportunities for all ages to enjoy in the future. The city council, city administrator, and I want to provide more activities for families here in Lawson and are diligently working on numerous possibilities in the near future.

I believe the future looks bright for Lawson and in the coming months I will begin to share with you more of the short-term and long-term visions that I have for our wonderful town.

- February 26<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM City Council Meeting @ City Hall
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Election Day – Lawson Mayor and Council Member Race (City Hall)

Your Mayor,

*Greg Taylor*