

MAYOR'S CORNER July 2022

- The Bridge Street project is slated to begin the week of August 1. I attended the project kick-off meeting 7/26 to help assure the best possible outcome for the city, its residents and those on the section of Bridge Street that will be impacted during construction. The goal of course is to mitigate anticipated interruption and inconvenience to the greatest extent possible.
- We are upgrading the audio and video technology to our common council chamber room. Stay tuned for what will be a significant improvement to how you are able to view meetings and also retrieve archival footage from meetings recorded prior. The result is going to put Mayville at the forefront of technology and the citizens will have a front row seat to everything that occurs in our public meetings with crystal clear audio and sharp video resolution.
- When we received our 2021 financial audit results from Baker Tilly, I read the report about four times, taking careful notes to the findings contained in the report. I then spent several hours reading our 2019 and 2020 audit results and through careful analysis and comparison, I was able to see areas the city needs to address in order to improve our audit results for 2022. Kudos to our Comptroller/Treasurer Tracy Nadolski and to City Clerk Sara Decker for taking ownership by meeting with Baker Tilly to receive guidance on what we can do proactively to assure success going forward. Plans have been put in place and some of the new practices have already begun. By mid-August we'll have clearly defined procedures which we'll then share with the public and the Finance Committee.
- The Public Safety Committee moved to recommend to the Common Council in its next meeting 8/8 that the issue of raising chickens within Mayville residential areas is to be put to referendum on the November ballot. My role as mayor places statutory responsibility on my shoulders to see that laws are followed. My role is not to make the laws. Last night's committee meeting had several attendees representing many, often opposing views. That said, regardless of my personal opinion on the topic, it is readily apparent the controversy on this matter evokes very strong personal opinions from both sides. I see the upcoming November election as the ideal manner of having this issue decided. With the high voter turnout due to the midterm election, at the outcome we'll have a strong understanding of what the people of Mayville want.
- Lastly, I am in the process of forming a special citizens committee on the topic of communication. Residents have made it clear that they wish to be better informed nearly every aspect of goings on within our community. The commission will help formulate a strategic plan to improve overall communication to our residents and will likely involve a multi-tiered approach of various media formats. If you are interested in serving, please email me at mayor@mayvillecity.com and I'll make sure you're added to the list of candidates to serve.
- Special welcome to Micaela Luehring who has taken on the role as Director of Recreation for the city. I am excited to have her and she's going to accomplish great things, no doubt. Michaela is one of Mayville's own; Her creativity, energy, organization skills and love for her home town will serve the city well. Please congratulate Micaela next time you stop by the TAG Center.
- I am always available by appointment at City Hall. Please email or call if you would like to set some time to meet with me personally. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

