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SEMA AND FEMA COMING BACK TO NEVADA

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) have scheduled a meeting for June 5th here in Nevada. Both agencies were here in May to survey the damage. This session with County and City representatives will be at the community center. It is expected that the meeting will last for several hours. This visit is possible because both Governor Kehoe and President Trump have declared Vernon County (and several Missouri counties) a disaster area due to storms and are eligible for emergency assistance. The purpose of the June 5th meeting is to discuss the process for preparing and submitting the necessary information for FEMA disaster reimbursement.

On April 2nd, the City of Nevada was hit by an F1 Tornado. It caused extensive damage as it hopped and skipped through town.

Storm Siren Update

During the June 3rd regular meeting, the Nevada City Council will receive an update on the progress being made related to the replacement of the aging storm sirens. Most of these old sirens were installed in the 1970's. A few haven't worked for years. In light of numerous tornados that have gone through this region in the past two months, new storm sirens with louder warning sounds are a high priority for the City. The proposed new system will cover the whole city, unlike the current storm siren system.



NEVADA ANIMAL SHELTER FLOODS FOR 2ND TIME.

It was déjà vu all over again, for the animal shelter. Following heavy May rains, the Nevada Animal Shelter flooded for the second time (see photo above). Somehow, citizens heard about the emergency and rushed to help city staff rescue the animals. No animals were lost. A specialized engineer has been contacted to analyze the problem to see how this event occurred again after staff was told less than two years ago that repairs at that time would prevent any further floods.

Proposed Highland Project Moving Forward

Assuming this project continues to move forward with the blessing of MoDOT, the Highland Street project could open this area of town to new development, both on the interstate and along the proposed street toward Ash. Currently, we are waiting for a meeting with MoDOT. They and our engineers will review a recently completed traffic impact study. That meeting is scheduled for Monday June 9th.



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Mayor Branham Holds Her 2nd Mayor's Coffee

On May 22nd the second Mayor's Coffee was held. (see pic below) Mayor Branham heard questions ranging from building demolitions to the budget to economic development.



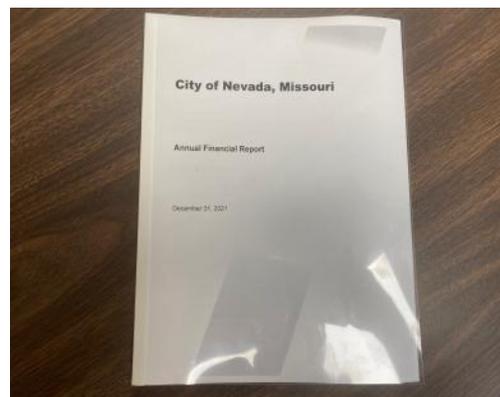
KICK-OFF MEETING FOR CITY SQUARE DEVELOPMENT HELD

Design work for the City Square Development project on Cherry Street is near completion. A kick-off meeting in preparation for the finished design was held in May. That session resulted in additional suggestions for the final proposed design. Currently, the lot on Cherry stands empty. When completed it will add to the attractiveness of downtown Nevada.

Another building on the square at 118 Walnut is still awaiting a court order before it can be torn down.

2021 Audit Now Complete

In the past several months the City has made a concerted effort to get caught up with its annual audits. FY21 is now complete (see pic below). The field work for FY22 will occur soon. Preliminary work has started on FY23.





Above Photo: Mayor Carol Branham presents Captain Westerhold with a proclamation recognizing National Police Week in honor of law enforcement service and sacrifice. Below Right: The Nevada Fire Department Swift Water Rescue members attended annual training at Pomme de Terre Lake for three days. Nevada has four members of the Swift Water Rescue. Below left: Nevada Fire conducted a coloring contest at Weber Elementary for K-2 grades.

