



# City Updates

January 29th, 2026

## Thank You City Staff!

- Jill Puckett celebrated 30 years with the City last year. Jill is a Secretary with the Police Department and we thank her for decades of continued dedication!

## General

- Curbside leaf pickup was frustrating in 2025. Staff have been working with local mechanics and the supplier of the City's leaf vac machine to better understand what can be done to ensure its reliability.

## 2025 and 2026 Capital Projects

- Major construction was completed on Cherry, Mill, & Railroad streets in 2025. Final topcoat and landscape restoration will occur in spring
- Madison St. Sidewalk repairs were completed in 2025
- Construction will be finished in 2026 on Allen Creek Trail, providing a scenic multi-modal connection from the Almeron/Cherry neighborhood directly to downtown.
- Work will continue in 2026 with the Federal Railroad Administration to do environmental review on the proposed updating and reconstruction of the Main Street and Water Street Rail crossings. Construction work on these crossings is dependent on federal review and could be a few years off. The improvements at the Madison St crossing will be completed this year.
- Local Vehicle Registration Fees are used for resurfacing and maintaining roads that are not in need of underground reconstruction. 2025 projects totaled \$208,001.27 and included chip sealing and/or crack filling on S Fourth St., S Sixth St., Badger Dr., W Garfield Ave., and Prairie View Dr. Pavement resurfacing was done on South Union St, Highland St, and Millard Ct., & W Main (Fifth to Sixth.)

- Common Council requested a reduction in originally anticipated capital expenses this year. This has resulted in departments proposing about \$1.7 million less in capital projects that would typically fall under General Obligation borrowings and tax levies. Some of the 2026 projects include:

- Sidewalk work on East Main Street.
- The reconstruction of Longfield Street.
- Initial restoration work on the Historic Park Store adjacent to the splash pad.
- A new Police Squad
- Repair the deteriorating gable ends of City Hall

## Community Development

- Kwik Trip is expecting to open in March
- Bank of New Glarus is proposing a branch between Casey's and Culvers with approvals anticipated this year.

## Parks

- The Evansville Aquatic Center had a successful 2025 second season generating enough revenue to cover operating costs.
- Park improvements for the new aquatic center, athletic fields and spray pad have been fully closed out with the City getting significant credit for the quality of landscaping, non-structural concrete surface work, lawns and outfields. With the closeout, final signage improvements can be completed.
- Veterans Memorial Splash Pad will get a much-requested shade canopy this year
- The Park and Outdoor Recreation Plan updates are underway. Initial survey data shows satisfaction with our major parks and a desire to improve small parks as well as continuing to add trails and sidewalks around the City.

