

CITY QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2018

Think Spring Issue

UPCOMING DATES

Council Meetings at Eyota City Hall: 7 pm
View on Charter Channel 180 & HBC Channel 19

March 22
April 12 & 26
May 10 & 24
June 14 & 28

Park Board Meetings, 7 pm at City Hall:

April 11
May 9
June 13

EDA Meetings 5:30pm at Arbor Gardens:

March 22
April 26
May 24
June 28

Planning Meetings 7pm at City Hall

April 18
May 16
June 20

City Hall is closed:

May 28
July 4

Reporting suspicious activity:

Citizens are encouraged to use the Olmsted County Sheriff's office non-emergency number for reporting suspicious activities in city parks or in town. Please report immediately. Not much can be done days later.

Call: 507-328-6800

Call 911 for an emergency!

KEEP IN TOUCH:

- Phone: 507-545-2135
- Fax: 507-545-2235
- Email: eyota@cityofeyota.com
- [Facebook: Eyota.MN](https://www.facebook.com/Eyota.MN)
- **Website:** eyota.govoffice.com
- Marlis, Shelly, Renee, Brad, Scott



2018 Eyota Summer Rec Program Information



Registration at Eyota City Hall: Sat., March 24, 11:30am-1:30pm & Wed., March 28, 6pm-8pm

Other Options for Registering:

1. Mail in registration form with check payment to: City of Eyota, P.O. Box 328, Eyota, MN 55934
2. Put registration form with check payment in the drop box in the west side door of city hall.
****ALL Registrations need to be turned in with the Participation Agreement Form****
****LATE FEE OF \$15.00 PER FAMILY FOR REGISTRATIONS AFTER APRIL 16, 2018****

City Announcements

2018 street and utility improvements: 2018 will be another busy construction year and we will again be putting updates on Facebook and the website.

New and updated ordinances became effective March 1, 2018: To view go to the city website under the Citizens Tab, select Ordinances to see the new code.

Please install house numbers on your home: This is to insure that if there would be an emergency at your residence, help can get there quicker.

Pick up dog poop: When walking your dog please pick up after your dog! Property owners and park users thank you! Dog & cat licenses are no longer required but ordinance limits households to 3 pets. Permits are required for chickens.

Bike Licenses: Free at city hall or contact Community Officer McFarlen

No Transient Merchants Allowed: Door-to-door sales are prohibited in Eyota. If anyone comes knocking at your door selling, please alert LAW ENFORCEMENT—non-emergency number: 507-328-6800. Exempt: school children selling for fundraisers.

YOUR PROPERTY VALUE

Please call Olmsted County Assessor's Office 507-328-7670 prior to the Eyota Board of Appeal & Equalization meeting held April 9, 5:30 to 6:00 pm at City Hall.

Call the county first if you have questions or concerns on the valuation or classification of your property.

MOVIES IN THE PARK!

Movie titles will be chosen soon! As the movie date approaches, see what's showing on posters around town and Facebook.

Friday Nights
June 8th
July 19th-Thurs
(Eyota Days)
August 3rd
August 17th



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EYOTA COMMUNITY GARDENS

Parents spend the summer gardening with your kids. Grow your own vegetables!

Plots are available for only \$20 each at **Sunset Square Park** (near the Legion).

You may register for a plot at City Hall starting **Mon, April 2nd**. Plots can also be assigned at **Set-up Day Sat, April 21, 9am to 12 right at the gardens**. Come to celebrate Earth Day and get your plot ready for planting!

Both regular and raised beds available.
 Questions? Contact City Hall, 545-2135 or email: rmierau@cityofeyota.com

FARMERS MARKET

Held at West Side Park

This year's opening is May 22 and will be every Tuesday through October 16. 4pm-7pm

If you are interested in participating as a vendor, please email: eyotafarmersmarket@cityofeyota.com

Connect with the Farmers Market on Facebook: www.facebook.com/EyotaFarmersMarket



Don't forget—Get your building permit!

If you have a project planned for this summer, plan ahead and get your building permit before you start. Receiving your permit may take up to a week or two, except for re-roofing, which can be processed on the day you apply.

Building permits are required to ensure building codes and basic zoning requirements are followed. Including: new windows, fences, storage sheds, decks, pools, etc. (**Non-exclusive list**)

Your first step is to come into City Hall to receive all the correct forms to start you project. Information is also on the city website: [Building & Zoning Permits](#).

STARTING OR EXPANDING A BUSINESS?

PLEASE CONTACT
 EDA DIRECTOR:
Cathy Enerson

at City Hall 507-545-2135 or

cathy.enerson@cedausa.com



INTERIORS BY J. CURRY

Interiors by J. Curry is owned and operated by Jessica Curry and has opened an office space/by appointment meeting area nearby Perry Dental at 515 Jefferson Avenue SW, Suite #2 in Eyota.

Her business will be having a 3 year anniversary this March! Jessica is a degreed Interior Designer, Certified Kitchen Designer and has 17 years of experience and expertise in the areas of kitchen and bath, interior design, remodeling and working with clients on all sort of projects to help make their homes more functional and beautiful. She helps with anything from the initial planning/design phases, specification of products, to the installation and management of the project if desired.

Please call, email, or message for more info.

Website: www.houzz.com/pro/jcurryckd

[Facebook.com/unique designs/](https://www.facebook.com/unique designs/)

Contact Jessica for April/May Spring Special.

Eyota's Economic Development Authority was busy in 2017.

Check out the 2017 Annual Summary Report on the city website and news article regarding Little Eagles Childcare Center opening soon at 417 2 St. SW!

Park Ball Fields, Sand Volleyball, and Pavilion's

~Reservations ARE needed: Call City Hall ~

Team Coaches, Managers and Party Planners!

Don't forget to reserve ball fields, dates and times for one game, a weekend tournament or the whole summer season! Call City Hall for fee schedule.



PAVILIONS: Family reunion, graduation party or birthday party? Be sure to reserve one of Eyota's pavilions. Picnic tables available and electricity available on-site. Freedom Park has counters; West Side Park has counters and sinks.

Check the city web-site first to see if your desired date is available-[NEW Park Calendar on-line!](#) Fee schedule is also listed there.

SPECIAL ELECTION MAY 8

ONE BALLOT – TWO DIFFERENT QUESTIONS – YOU VOTE ON EACH ONE SEPARATELY

FIRE HALL - FIRE HALL - FIRE HALL

The concept is to add on to the Fire Hall (east towards the funeral home) and remodel the existing building.

A Feasibility Study was completed to determine needs, options and costs and can be viewed on the City website at www.eyota.govoffice.com

The Existing Building = 4,800 square feet

To be repurposed to include:

Entrance lobby – 2 offices

Training room = 50 people capacity

Meeting/conference room = 10 people

Gear locker room – Watch area

Men/Women bathrooms - Shower

Lounge – Kitchen – Storage rooms

Mechanical/electrical room



The addition:

5,900 square foot pre-engineered metal building added to the east (the City owns that vacant lot) to house all the vehicles: engines, tankers, grass rig, trailer with OTV vehicle, antique pumper, etc.

The addition will be built to today's vehicle needs, like taller doors and exhaust system.

Consideration was made for future equipment, for example: small boat/trailer for water rescues (Chester Woods Park and ponds), large foam apparatus, ladder truck, new SCBA (air bottles) compressor filling station, etc. It should be noted that currently there are numerous items (gear, equipment, vehicles) being stored off sight due to limited space.

left section is new addition

right section is existing building remodeled



NORTH ELEVATION

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FIRE HALL - FIRE HALL - FIRE HALL

What is this going to cost? Fire Hall Renovation Project \$1,445,000.

This includes bonding (loan) costs and assumes it will be a 20 year term at 4% interest. The monthly bond payments would be lower if the City pays some cash up front. For example, if the City put in \$60,000 upfront than it would lower the impact for 150K homes by \$5 a year. Bonding cost will vary (probably be reduced) if both projects are combined.

Homes valued at and the estimated tax increases:

\$150,000 Tax Increase: \$111 Annually - \$9 Monthly

\$200,000 Tax Increase: \$159 Annually - \$13 Monthly

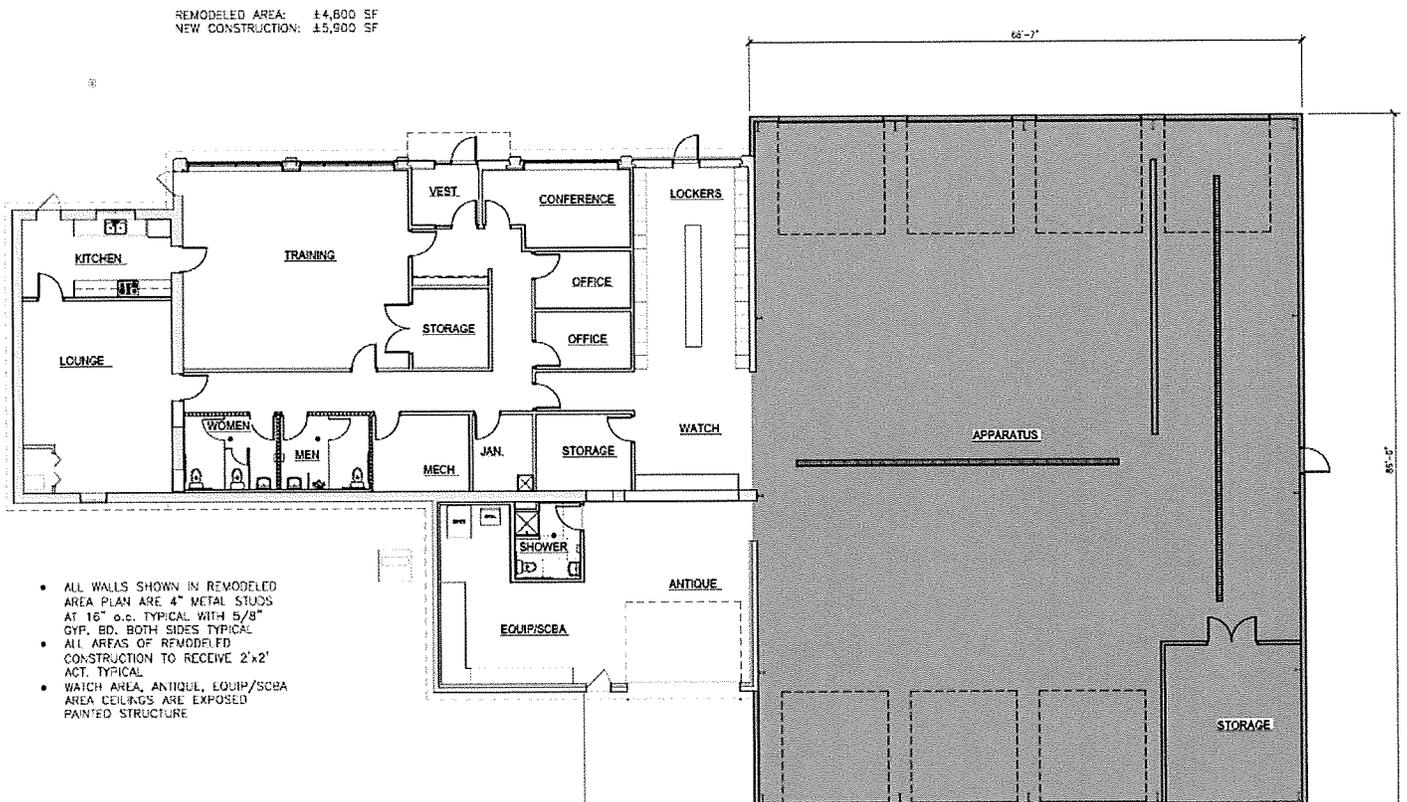
\$250,000 Tax Increase: \$206 Annually - \$17 Monthly

Commercial Buildings valued at \$500,000

Tax Increase: \$812 Annually - \$68 Monthly

white area is existing building remodeled

gray area is the new addition



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ONE BALLOT – TWO DIFFERENT QUESTIONS – YOU VOTE ON EACH ONE SEPARATELY

CITY HALL - CITY HALL - CITY HALL

The proposal is to move Eyota City Hall to the Our Savior's Lutheran Church at 222 4th Street SW; currently for sale as they are building their new church across from the Eyota Market.

The current city hall has been great for our community, but at 1,600 square feet, it frequently has a hard time meeting the city's needs. City staff and council have been analyzing the most fiscally responsible way to update/remodel and expand the current location. Due to the age of the current location any expansion would require extensive renovation including fire suppressions systems and issues involving the basement/foundation walls. When looking at building new versus buying existing it was determined that buying an existing facility would be more fiscally responsible and offer a greater return on cost.

The current city hall has limited space for daily activities and meeting needs, with only two offices and no conference room space. One of the offices (which is 8ft by 10ft) is being shared by: Economic Development Authority Director, Safety Coordinator, Summer Rec Program Director, computer file server equipment, files, and is the only available room to have private meetings other than the Clerk's office. City Council meetings have public space for 20 people to attend and lacks the ability to go into closed meetings without sending the public outside. No conference room is creating issues regarding discussions of personnel and business details when privacy is needed.

The proposed new facility offers 5,752 sq. ft. of space above ground and 1,922 sq. ft. below. That church is separated into two distinct areas: the original sanctuary facing 4 Street and the fellowship hall facing Madison Avenue. The fellowship hall is being proposed to be used for daily government activities: as the council chambers for bi-monthly council meetings, public hearings, city board meetings, and for community/government activities both private and public (seats 84). There are also 3 offices along with 1 conference space now and at least one more could be added with minimal cost. The sanctuary space could be used for numerous uses that will be determined with input from the community. Just SOME ideas that have been brought forward include: food shelf, museum/history center, walk-in clinic, community library, senior activities, meeting space for local clubs, work out space including yoga, and even indoor movies or active space. The basement would be used for much needed document, supply, and equipment storage; along with the possibility of more office space. The Minnesota Design Team suggested that the Eyota community would be improved by having additional community spaces and facilities. Comments have been made for and against moving city hall out of the main downtown; Madison Avenue SW is one of the more heavily used and accessible streets, wayfinding signs would be installed.



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What is this going to cost? The proposal is for a cost not to exceed \$413,000.

Professionals were consulted for renovation ideas and costs including: building codes, electrician, heating/cooling, plumbing, and construction. \$400,000 is the current asking price and estimated renovation costs; the additional \$13,000 is estimated bonding (loan) costs, assuming it will be a 20 year term at 4% interest. The monthly bond payments would be lower if the City pays cash up front, or is able to be combined with another bonded project. These estimates do not include new operational expenses: heating, cleaning, etc.

Homes valued at and the estimated tax increases:

\$150,000 Tax Increase: \$32 Annually - \$3 Monthly

\$200,000 Tax Increase: \$45 Annually - \$4 Monthly

\$250,000 Tax Increase: \$59 Annually - \$5 Monthly

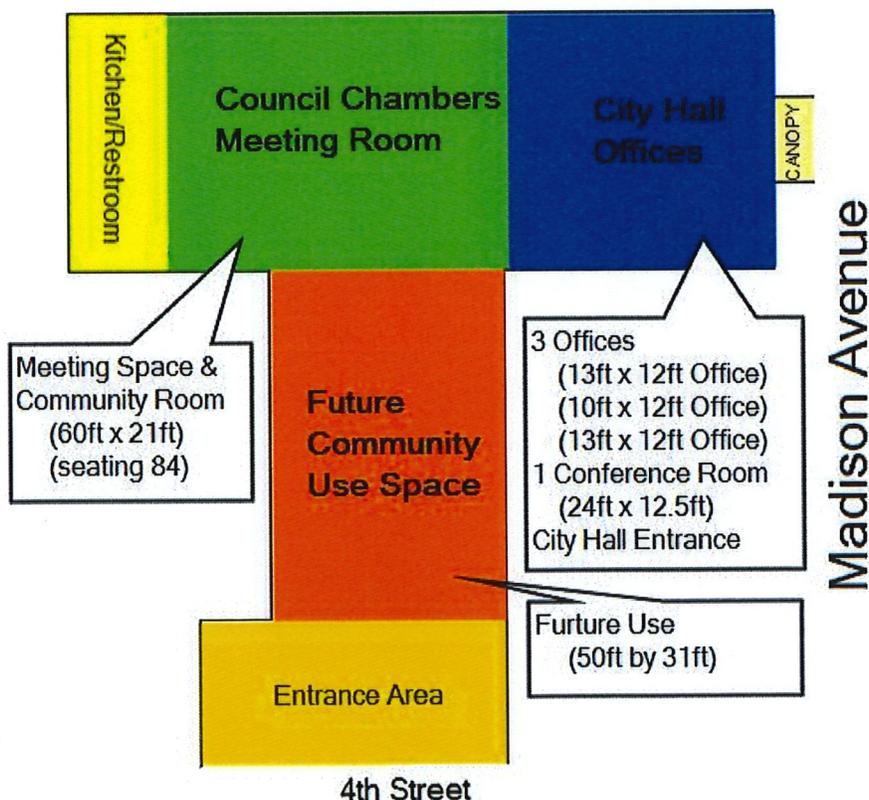
Commercial Buildings:

\$500,000

Tax Increase: \$232 Annually - \$19 Monthly

The city council is committed to keeping the final cost and tax impact as low as possible. The existing city hall would be sold and used as another downtown commercial building. The sale would offset the cost of the church purchase; and as a commercial building it would put the property back on the tax rolls. Additionally \$60,000 has been designated for city hall improvements and would further lower the overall cost.

Proposed Layout



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Two City facilities/buildings have the opportunity to improve and enlarge to the meet the growing needs of the City of Eyota. You the residents will decide if either one or both is worthy of the money to be spent and if your property taxes will increase accordingly.

GENERAL ELECTION DAY INFO

The election will be Tuesday, May 8 at the Dover Eyota High School Auditorium (east door) polls will be open 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. Absentee voting will be available at City Hall beginning March 23, 2018 (NOT at Olmsted County). This is a good time to make sure you are registered to vote because 2018 is a regular election year. Contact City Hall for details.

OPEN HOUSES & CONSTRUCTION PLANS & INFO

Plans and general information is available for review at city hall and on the city website

Open house - tour the Fire Hall and/or Our Saviors Lutheran Church

Tour Both on **April 16th** from **5pm-8pm**

Fire Hall at 14 S Front St SE

Our Saviors Lutheran Church at 222 4th St SW

BALLOT QUESTION EXPLANATION

Again – two different questions that you will be able to decide on each question separately how you would like to vote. Yes, to approve the improvements and this will increase your taxes OR no, you do not agree to spend money on the improvements.

This is what you will see on the May 8th ballot

CITY QUESTION 1:

ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR BETTERMENT AND EXPANSION OF FIRE HALL

YES

"Shall the City of Eyota be authorized to issue its general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$1,445,000 to provide funds to finance the acquisition and betterment, including the construction of an addition, to the existing Eyota Fire Hall?"

NO

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION NO. 1, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

CITY QUESTION 2:

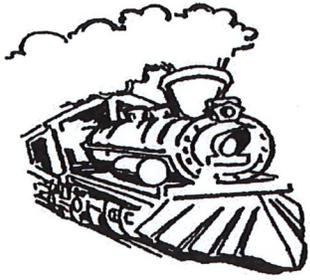
ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR ACQUISITION AND BETTERMENT OF CITY HALL

YES

"Shall the City of Eyota be authorized to issue its general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$413,000 to provide funds for the acquisition and betterment of a building located at 222 Fourth Street SW for use as the Eyota City

NO

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION NO. 2, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.



City of Eyota
38 South Front St. SW
P.O. Box 328
Eyota, MN 55934

Permit No. 12
Eyota, MN 55934
Presort Standard

Postal Patron
Eyota, MN 55934

~See more detail about these items inside ~

*****SPECIAL ELECTION*****

MAY 8, 2018

*****SPECIAL ELECTION*****

FIRE HALL: EXPANSION & RENOVATION

CITY HALL: MOVE TO CURRENT OUR
SAVIORS LUTHERN CHURCH

*****SPECIAL ELECTION*****

DETAILS INSIDE

LIKE us on Facebook! Get up-to-date city announcements and emergency info:

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..or, search for
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Spring information inside:

- Farmers Market
- Outdoor Movie Dates
- Community Gardens

Check out our website and/or Facebook for these and other items including:

- City Code of Ordinances (new as if March 1, 2018)
- City compost site
- Nuisances regarding cleaning up your property, etc., and so much more!