



September 14, 2021

To: Waynesville City Council

From: City Administrator John Doyle

Re: **City Administrator's Report – September 2021**

2022 Preliminary Budget Meetings

- The City of Waynesville is currently working with department supervisors on the 2022 preliminary budget. These meetings have been scheduled through the month of September. The preliminary budget will be provided to the council at the regularly scheduled council meeting in October 2021.

Economic Development Coordinator

- The City of Waynesville is currently in the interview process for the newly announced position of Economic Development Coordinator. This position is scheduled to remain open until filled and could provide funding possibilities for the City in areas of infrastructure, commercial development and municipal project financing.

Utility Rate Studies

- The City of Waynesville has completed the Electric rate study with Toth Engineering. Rate adjustment recommendations have been made to the utility and finance committees.
- The City is currently reviewing the sewer and water rate studies. Preliminary rate studies for these utilities are expected in October of 2021. These studies will be discussed with both the utility and finance committees in October.
- The City expects to receive rate studies in the coming months for the remaining city utilities including:
 - Natural Gas

ARPA Funding

- The City of Waynesville has completed documentation necessary to receive the ARPA funds from the federal government. The City expects to receive approximately half of these funds in October of 2021.

Forest ReLeaf Program

- The City of Waynesville was the recipient of the Forest ReLeaf Program grant. This grant provided the City with 30 trees/saplings. These were planted in the City park replacing the trees that have been removed over the past few years due to disease.

