

HOT NEWS

- ❖ Progress is being made on the next phase in the Veteran's Memorial Park. Stakes are down just west of the existing structures outlining a Korean War Memorial. We were also informed that a helicopter may be in the park's future.
- ❖ Rite Aid is pursuing a move from the Covered Village Mall to the Breimayer lot on the north west corner of Bridge St and Congress.

City Updates

- ❖ Central Riverside Park's basketball courts are coming along. The next step is to apply finishing colors to the courts. At this moment colors are not completely finalized. There is still discussion around the pavilion and the best way to proceed. The option of reimagining the area and building an open-air pavilion and relocating the restrooms to the concrete pad just west of Silk City Saloon. Another concept is to redo the pavilion with the design language found on the structure by the kiddie playground.
- ❖ You may have noticed a fresh layer applied to our trail system. It truly makes the paths pop!
- ❖ Another feature underway is the path and lookout that is going in along the river in the Gathering Place.
- ❖ City Council members and the City Manager attended a tour of Metron of Belding. We met staff, toured the facility, and discussed the numerous and substantive changes that have been made to increase the level of care patients receive. The passion the staff spoke with was inspiring. Metron. The facility understands the value added by integrating themselves into the community, hiring local, supporting local, etc. If you have not visited the facility recently, I would take some time to see the changes being made.

Tuesday September 17th City Council Notes:

- ❖ Thank you to Shelley Gladding for your continued service to the city of Belding. We believe you will be able to fulfill the duties of your new appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- ❖ As discussed previously the Jacklyn apartments Payment in Lieu of Tax (PILOT) program was adopted. This service is provided to serve low or moderate income persons and families in accordance with the State Housing Development Authority.
- ❖ We are pursuing Planners to assist the Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and the City.

Thanks to everyone that participated in the public comment portion of the meeting.

Written by: Council Member Jorel Davis