



MAYOR'S MUMBLINGS

Well as the end of summer nears and we deal with the scorching heat, I hope all the school kids enjoy their summer. As you look around town for the next few weeks you will see the city buildings get painted and the restroom at the ball parks.

Usually at this time of year the ball parks are getting their fall upgrades. This year, however, there will be games at Jerry Hill Memorial Field. The Wichita Independent Baseball League will be using them. Whitewater has an over eighteen baseball team, the Whitewater Rapids that will be playing on the field. Whitewater will also be hosting the Opening Games for the league. So, on August 22, 2026, get out and support the teams that will be playing at our field. The schedule for the WIBL will be configure this week and we will post that schedule on the City of Whitewater's website. We have some of our local boys playing on Whitewater Rapids. It should be a fun experience for everyone.

Also, recently the Whitewater Fire District received a new firetruck. This will be a powerful addition to the community for emergency responses. One of the things that keeps our local fire district going is the help of volunteers. So, if you are interested in being in the Fire Department, please reach out to Fire Chief Bob Bartlett.

Speaking of safety, I have noticed when I am sitting on my front porch or working in the yard, that we have issues with people exceeding the speed limit on Main Street. I also have complaints about Elm Street and Central Street. We have a lot of kids that play along those streets, and it would be tragic for something to happen to our kids or the adults that walk during the day for exercise. So, some of our options are to put speed bumps along these streets or write more tickets. The easiest option is that when you pull into town, roll down your window, slow down, look at your neighbor's houses, wave to people, and quit driving through town looking at your cellphone. The one second your eyes are off the road a person or pet could run out in front of your vehicle.

Speaking of pets, make sure you have your pets registered with the city. Our animal control officer can and will write tickets for violations of the city code regarding animals. Also, the city is reviewing the code regarding chickens, but you do need to register them and have your coop inspected to make sure it follows the guidelines the City Council has established for the protection of everyone.

Whitewater is a nice little community, and I hope that we can continue to make improvements to our town. The City Council and I intend to keep moving forward and improving things each year,

We will have openings on our volunteer boards at the end of the year, so if you are interested, please let us know of your interest.

Timothy Eldredge