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COUNCIL CONNECT NEWSLETTER



City Awarded \$300,000 Housing Grant





The City of Garden Plain was awarded a \$300,000 Moderate Income Housing (MIH) grant to help fund construction of the Renner Multi Family Housing Development. The development is located at the corner of Harry and Main Street and will consist of two, three bedroom, two story duplexes and three, two bedroom single story duplexes for a total of 10 new housing units. Construction is anticipated to begin in late 2025 or early 2026.

Aquatic Center/Municipal Pool

Design for the municipal pool is more than 50% complete. Waters Edge, the design and engineering firm, will issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) following the April City Council meeting to select the construction team. The Gross Maximum Price (GMP) for the project is \$3.27 M, with a federal grant funding 50%, or \$1.635 M. Construction should be complete in time for the 2026 swimming season, weather permitting.





Harry & Main Sidewalk

The new Harry & Main Sidewalk construction will begin in late spring or early summer. KDOT awarded the bid to Barkley Construction. The project is funded by a cost share grant from KDOT. The total cost of the project is \$300,263 with KDOT funding 80%, or \$240,210 and the City funding 20% or \$91,000.



New Park Benches & Picnic Tables

The City made a grant application to KDHE through their Waste Tire program for a 50% funding match for three 8' picnic tables, and one 8' wheel chair accessible table for City Park. They are made in Concordia from recycled rubber and plastic and should last 50 years. Grant awards are expected in April.



ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Change of Meeting Times and Dates

Planning Commission: Beginning in 2025 the GP Planning Commission meeting date and time changed from the last Wednesday of the month at 7 PM to the third Thursday of the month at 6 PM.

City Council: Beginning in April 2025 the GP City Council meeting time has changed. The meetings remain on the first Wednesday of each month. Start time for the meeting changed from 6 PM to 7:30 PM.

