

## RECENT STORM RUNOFFS

During the recent heavy rainfall on August 10<sup>th</sup> the Public Works Director, City Fire Chief, and City Engineer were all out during the rainfall and monitoring the peak runoff from the storm event. It was a very quick storm which developed large runoffs very quickly and the runoff subsided just as quickly. We witnessed no areas that we could see, where the runoff waters left the natural channels of Murry Creek. The NDOT Phase 1 storm drain improvements functioned as intended and diverted approximately 40 cfs through the overflow channel and around the downstream private properties.

The streets in Central Ely had lots of surface water flowing on them and the Public Works Director had both the Street Crew and the Water Crew actively working in the area keeping all drop inlets clean and functioning during the storm. Given the conditions they were working in, they did a great job.

A couple areas in town that did receive a significant amount of debris was Ely Avenue/North Street and Dickerson/Mill Street. The crews cleaned these areas up the day of the storm and then came back and did a final cleanup a few days later. Ely and North Street debris was caused by the upstream inlet to the culvert crossing under the railroad tracks being blocked prior to the storm. The water backed up until it became large enough to push the debris through the culvert and send a surge of water and debris onto the City streets. The crews have cleaned this inlet and the City will coordinate with the Railroad to keep their culvert clean and functioning in the future.

Future improvements that will reduce runoff flows in the future is the completion of the NDOT Phase 2 storm drain system and the completion of the track project by the railroad between the train depot and the museum on Aultman. The NDOT Phase 2 project will collect a large portion of the surface flows that currently flow through Central Ely and divert them in the new culvert and ultimately to the diversion structure to enter the overflow channel and be conveyed around private property. At the completion of Phase 2 is when the residents in Central Ely will see the true benefit of the new storm drain system. The track project will also catch local flows and divert them to the new storm drain system and around private property.

The City Engineer a while back brought the need to construct the south diversion ditch at the landfill to the City Council and Utility Board. Both the Council and Utility Board concurred with the need to proceed with the diversion ditch. The construction of the diversion ditch was budgeted this year and the City Engineer is currently working on getting this project to construction.

**THIRTY-DAY EXTENSION TO THE STANDARD AGREEMENT  
FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

THE STANDARD AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES by and between the City of Ely and Basin Engineering Corporation with an effective date of September 18, 2019, and a three (3)-year term is incorporated herein by reference ("Original Agreement") and shall be extended for an additional thirty (30) days upon the same terms and conditions as set forth therein ("Extension"). The Extension shall not be deemed as a waiver of any rights or obligations as set forth in the Original Agreement and shall terminate at close of business on October 18, 2022.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereby agree to this THIRTY-DAY EXTENSION TO THE STANDARD AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES as of the date of the last dated signature below.

CITY OF ELY  
CORPORATION

BASIN ENGINEERING

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Jennifer Lee

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**From:** Cameron Gresh | PORTER <cgresh@portergs.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 8, 2022 4:32 PM  
**To:** Jennifer Lee  
**Subject:** Tonight's update

Good evening City of Ely,

There's not much to report coming off of August Recess in terms of Congressional action, though it's shaping up to be a busy fall as Congress prepares for the mid term elections.

Senator Schumer announced that the Senate will be looking to take a vote on a marriage equality bill sometime this term, and the latest chatter on the Hill is that Congress will need at least 2 CRs this year in order to shore up government funding for FY23.

Closer to home, I've been working with Mark on expanding rail infrastructure opportunities and we'll be meeting with GOED next week to talk about funding a statewide rail project that would also incorporate the City's existing rail priorities.

We're also tracking two DOT rail grants and prioritizing existing projects for each.

Additionally, we've continued our search for grant writing candidates that can assist the City in applying for upcoming grant opportunities from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. We look forward to introducing you to Holli Else (based on Fallon, NV) over the next few weeks.

Thanks and have a great evening!