

Introductions of Town of Normal officials

- Pamela Reece - City Manager
- Jason Comfort - Public Works Mgr.
- Mark Clinch - Director of Inspections and Facilities
- Tessa Ferraro - City Planner
- Zach Wall - City Engineer
- Lt. Jon McCauley - Town of Normal Police Department
- Doug Damery - Director of Parks & Recreation
- Tyler Bain - Park Maintenance Supr.
- Craig Onsrud - Ironwood Golf Course Mgr.

Town of Normal Updates

General Information

- **No news on underground tunnel** for uptown project until February.
- **Fiscal Year** starts April 1.
- **FY26 Budget Presentation** for the Town on next Tuesday.

Fire Department Projects

- **FD #2 Capital Project:** Started in November at Shepherd & Hershey Rd.
 - Vacate existing station at Blair & College.
 - Multi-year plan to move stations to better respond to calls.
 - **Relocating Station #3** near Prairieland Elementary analyzed for 2025.
- **ALS Data** drives dispatch call decisions.

Parks & Recreation

- **Golf Course Projects:**
 - Chipping green and expansion of the putting green, targeted to open in May. Tripling the size of the current putting green.
 - Discussion on the short course for the 7 holes to improve practice setups.
 - Existing improvements due to heavy use and increased public play. Lots of youth play from junior high, high school, and college players.
 - **Culvert Project on Hole #17:** 3 culverts eroded, jeopardizing the cart path.
 - Growing demand for golfers by younger generations since the comeback from COVID.
 - 120 golfers "Prune Juice" on Monday mornings.
 - No price changes for the course this year.
 - Small cosmetic touch-ups to the clubhouse.
 - Connected Whispering Pines and Ironwood Park sidewalk.
 - Relocated porta potty on the course.
 - Ironwood pickleball and tennis courts resurfaced last summer.

- Studying potential connection of the Constitution Trail and Ironwood neighborhoods.
- **Other Projects:**
 - **Northtown Road Lift Station:** Heavy investments as it approached its life span.
 - **Towanda Avenue:**
 - Crack sealed this year.
 - Left turn lane on Towanda and Beech when Carden Springs Apartments reaches $\frac{2}{3}$ capacity (3-4 year timeline).
 - No plans for expanding into 4 lanes. Looking to reduce lanes across the town.
 - Celebrated addition of intersection lights at Ft. Jesse and Landmark & Susan Dr.
 - **Vision Sustainability:** Passed. Planting more trees. Town & neighborhood collaboration in a tree drive.
 - Rivian expansion continues.
 - Park deck maintenance on the horizon.
 - Super Service work to prep for Route 66 large event in 2026.
 - **Parking Enforcement:**
 - Best to support major issues by calling them. Handicaps, blocking hydrants.
 - Normal PD views the neighborhood as very safe with minimal issues.

Community and Safety

- **Golf Carts:**
 - Not allowed on the road, but brief use is allowed with discretion. Moving violations occur if alcohol is present.
- **Nuisance Parties:**
 - Issue for about 2 years.
 - Scheduled party for a fraternity/sorority with no history of issues.
 - New ordinance: Break up parties if there are offenses with supervisor approval. Fines and clean-up costs.
 - Sound permit included for 100 feet.
 - Park closings at 9pm versus 11pm.
 - Residents voiced concern and gratitude to law enforcement.
 - Loud noises/profanity fall under noise ordinance violations.
 - Renting out pavilions at the end of the night to move the party along.
- **Electric Scooters:** Used by youth throughout the neighborhood. CC versus Watt issue from law enforcement.
- **School Districts:**
 - Potential moving of school districts with added families was questioned.
 - Carden Springs and Weldon Reserves open enrollment to those with seats.
 - Unit 5 identified 3 different schools: Fairview, Hudson, Sugar Grove.

Future Plans and Initiatives

- Consideration for non-motorized traffic on Towanda Avenue. IDOT has it on their 5-year plan. Remain 2 lanes with a pedestrian lane.
- **Fire Station Vacancy on College Street:**
 - Up for consideration. Not ADA compliant.
 - Potential for woodworking space or makerspace.
 - Fire standards require 90% of calls responded within 4-6 minutes.
- **Clubhouse Expansion:**
 - Potential expansion and updating the offerings.
 - Struggles to secure funding but not off the table.
- **East Pond Issues:**
 - Geese going onto properties during warmer months.
 - HOA seeking clarification for assistance with home inspections.
 - Call inspections and ask for Mark Clinch. They will route appropriately. Greg's number transfers to Mark.
- **Old Business:**
 - None.
- **New Business:**
 - None.
- **Adjournment:** Motion made and seconded (LR/MBu) to adjourn at 7:45 PM. Motion passed 7-0.
- **Next Annual Meeting:**
- January 13th, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Ironwood Golf Course Clubhouse.