

Coffee with the Mayor

Ser 51 (26-02) 2026 Logging

The City Council last summer approved a contract with a logging company from Jasper to remove the trees on city property north of town that had been damaged or felled by the tornado in May. At that time, it was anticipated that the company would start in late fall. As it happened, the company started removing the damaged trees at the beginning of February. Based on the contract, all the downed trees will be utilized in some fashion with the proceeds agreed to in the contract going to the city. The contract stipulates that only downed trees will be removed. Once the area has been cleared new trees will be planted to replenish the area. We will be coordinating this effort with the assistance of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Forrester. The overall effort will take some time as there was significant damage to a wide area.

A recent article discussed the rumor of the city selling the city owned utilities. That article stated it was a rumor only. There is NO basis of fact to the rumor. There has never been, nor will be, a consideration of selling off the utilities. The article goes on to mention the financial opportunity of harvesting the city owned property north of town. If this were to be accomplished, it would be on a minimal basis and with the oversight of the DNR. Again, there is no fact to the rumor of the city selling the utilities.

This past week at the Chamber of Commerce's annual dinner, the City of Linton was recognized as the Business of the Year! The award was quite an honor! Several comments were made that evening about the year 2025 was one for the records. Two tornadoes, collapsed building, snowfall and several other events definitely made 2025 a memorable year. It was fitting that the Chamber recognized the individual departments for their dedication in returning the city to normal operations. This was often accomplished by extended hours working in unfavorable conditions. I want to add my appreciation to their dedication!