

September 12, 2025

Mayor Jacque and City Council Members
City of Dyersville
Memorial Building
340 1st Avenue East
Dyersville, IA 52040

RE: Discussion and Possible Action—Fire Station Driveway Entrance

Dear Honorable Mayor Jacque and Council Members:

I am writing to inform you that the front entrance at the Dyersville Fire Station is experiencing pavement failure. According to City Engineer and Public Works Director John Wandsnider, much of the apron pavement area is cracked and settling, and the pavement joints have deteriorated. There is also a slab in the street that has settled. As a result, rainwater runoff collects in this area, saturating the subgrade and further weakening the foundation of the street and driveway. The gutter portion of the street needs to be replaced to ensure positive drainage through the driveway and direct stormwater to the intake north of the entrance.

The pavement slope is too steep for some fire department equipment. Portions of the trucks drag on the concrete, and the apron and a panel back from the apron should be removed and replaced at a lesser slope to accommodate better the vehicles served by this pavement.

Our city engineer has recommended that the failing concrete be removed and replaced with improvements to the slope and drainage. I have discussed this matter with Fire Chief Jeremy Honkomp, who concurs that the entrance requires attention to ensure reliable access for emergency vehicles.

The Council may choose to:

1. Authorize the proposed repairs as outlined.
2. Delay action and continue monitoring the condition.
3. Seek alternative repair methods or quotes.

I propose that the Council authorize using \$39,000 from the Street Reconstruction dollars allocated in the Capital Projects Fund. The attached quote from F.L. Krapfl, Inc. estimates the total cost at \$38,193.37. Work would begin in the fall, weather and contractor availability permitting.

I recommend that the Council authorize me to repair the Fire Station driveway entrance, utilizing the Street Reconstruction allocation in the Capital Projects Fund.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mick J. Michel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Mick J. Michel,
City Administrator

