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CITY GOVERNMENT

THE FIRST PEEK

Elko council accepts preliminary city hall design



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ELKO – Architects who provided a design concept for a new city hall to Elko City Council members this week estimate the total construction cost would be \$10.45 million should the council move ahead with the project.

Lombard/Conrad Architects' preliminary design that provides room for expansion shows the new city hall would be built where the two city office trailers are located behind the current city hall but leaves the decision whether to tear down the current building for later.

Mayor Reece Keener said there are longtime residents opposed to tearing down the building, but he said he thought it was "imperative this building be removed," because otherwise the new city hall would be blocked from public view.

Going with the preliminary designs unveiled to the council on Tuesday, the community would see a landscaped walkway leading to the new building's entrance, and customers coming into the building can easily find the department they need.

"It's all right there," said Ellie Thomas, project designer for Lombard/Conrad. "We want this city hall to be a beacon of community pride."

Councilman Clair Morris said there he has no doubt a new city hall is needed because "they are crammed in like sardines now."

The current Elko City Hall was built in the early 1970s, and the two office trailers behind the building have been in use over 25 years.

Councilman Chip Stone said the plans are "exactly what needs to happen," but he also suggested geothermal heating be considered since there are new efforts to provide geothermal heating to the new Nevada Gold Mines

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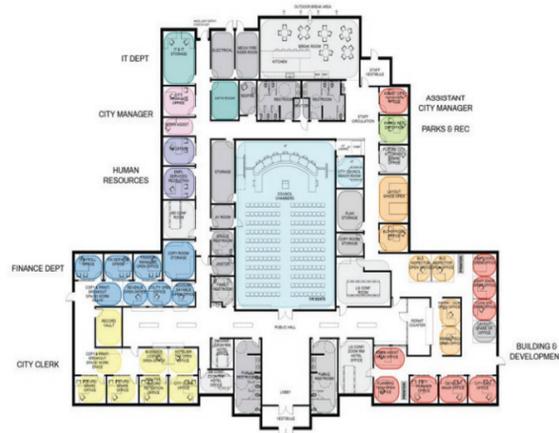
ABOVE: Lombard/Conrad Architects' preliminary design shows the new face of a proposed Elko City Hall.

RIGHT: Lombard/Conrad Architects' preliminary floorplan design of a new Elko City Hall.

LOMBARD/CONRAD ARCHITECTS PHOTOS

PROGRAM SPACES by DEPARTMENT

- City Council
- Clerk
- Finance
- Building
- Development
- Human Resources
- City Manager
- Parks/Rec
- IT
- Building Support



PUBLIC MEETING

Meeting on Mormon cricket poisons planned for Feb. 24

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ELKO – The Nevada Department of Agriculture will hold an open meeting on cricket and grasshopper management on Feb. 24 at 5:30 pm, in suite 102 of the Elko County Nannini Administration Building.

The meeting will discuss use of

dimilin, malathion and carbaryl bait to control Mormon crickets and grasshoppers on BLM land.

The meeting is open to public comment, as well as individuals submitting written material to mc@agri.nv.gov or mailing to the Nevada Department of

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EDUCATION

Flag View cutback on table, but no decision until board vote

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ELKO – Although no decisions are being made until a school board vote, the Elko County School District is considering consolidating Flag View Intermediate School in Elko into one grade level to help with the district's budget crisis.

Reducing Flag View to only sixth grade

in the 2026-2027 school year rather than including fifth graders would save \$500,000 and cut positions, according to Superintendent Clayton Anderson's planned recommendation to school trustees on Feb. 17. No votes on cut by the board are scheduled that day.

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