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To: Mayor and Common Council
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Subject: Future Mayors Program

The process starts with Mayor Estes making a speech to the 4th grade classes about the duties and responsibilities of the Mayor in the City of Reedsburg. Each class then nominates one from their class to be on the ballot for Future Mayor. The candidates have a debate and create posters supporting their campaigns. City staff sets up actual election booths in the cafeteria of the school to conduct the elections, using paper ballots. After the votes are tallied, the Future Mayor is announced.

The whole process takes about three weeks to complete. This is all possible because of the hard work put in by the teachers, administrative staff at the school and personnel from City Hall. After the election, Mayor Estes takes the Future Mayor with him to the monthly News & Views radio program to talk about events and ideas for the community. At the following City Council meeting, the Future Mayor will be invited to attend and help run the meeting alongside Mayor Estes. The Future Mayor's picture on the Wall of Mayors will be unveiled at the meeting.

It is a great learning experience for the 4th grade class and helps build some understanding of the civic process. We hope to one day see the Future Mayor's become involved in local politics and maybe even become the current Mayor.