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Two hundred Imperial residents took the time to make their thoughts known about city services and the direction they would like the city to take in the future.

They did that by way of the community survey included in their utility bills earlier this year.

On Wednesday, March 11, results of the survey will be revealed at a public meeting at the Lied Imperial Public Library's meeting room from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

City Economic Development Director Leslie Carlholm said she was thrilled with the response to the survey, which represents about a 30 percent return.

The survey results will be reviewed at the meeting, which will lead to a prioritizing of the community's needs and opportunities. Some brainstorming on solutions and taking advantage of those opportunities here is also on the agenda, Carlholm said.

Follow-up meetings are also set for April 1 and 15, with the eventual goal to develop a new Strategic Plan for the city and the action it will take to achieve its goals.

Carlholm hopes for a good attendance at the meetings, and encourages participants to plan to be at all three meetings, if possible, to provide continuity.

All those who filled out the survey completely will be receiving a \$5 credit on their utility bills that will be out this month and due in April.

One person from that group will also win \$50 in Chamber Bucks following a drawing at Monday's city council meeting.