

The Board of Alderman convened on Monday August 21, 2017 and took the following action;

The meeting began with a Public Hearing for citizen comment on the Request for Annexation submitted by Barry Patton of 203 Fae Circle, Troy, MO 63379. This address is contiguous with the existing city limits and will be zoned R-1. During the hearing, no citizen came forward with comments either for or against this annexation so the request will go to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review and a recommendation to the Board of Alderman on what action it should take.

During the Citizen Comments portion of the meeting there were three people that addressed the board;

The first was Amanda Good, Missouri State Director, Humane Society, 2400 Dogwood Bluff Dr., Jefferson City, Missouri. Ms. Good spoke to the board about repeal of Breed Specific Legislation – Pit Bull. After reading a statement, Ms. Good asked the BOA if there were any questions, receiving none she thanked the board for the chance to address her concerns.

Next, Carol Wieman, 1101 Crystal Court, also spoke to the board about repealing the breed specific legislation. Receiving no questions from the board after reading her statement, Mrs. Wieman thanked the board for the opportunity to speak.

Finally, Mr. Charles Stiles, 140 Fifth Street requested the board issue him a variance that would allow him to keep three dogs at his residence. Mr. Stiles is new to Troy and initially was not aware that the city had a two-dog limit on households in the city limits. After hearing Mr. Stiles comments, the board issued a two-year variance for Mr. Stiles to keep three dogs at his residence. After two years, the board will revisit the issue.

Next the board passed an ordinance establishing a procedure to disclose potential conflicts of interest and substantial interests for certain municipal officials. The policy reads in part; The proper operation of government requires that public officials and employees be independent, impartial and responsible to the people; that government decisions and policy be made in the proper channels of the governmental structure; that public office not be used for personal gain, there is hereby established a procedure of disclosure by certain officials and employees of private financial or other interests in matters affecting the city.

The second ordinance amended chapter 355; Stopping, Standing or Parking Prohibited in Specific Places, by adding a New Section, Section 355.110 Entitled No Parking of Trailers on Street. This ordinance reads in part; 1. No person shall park any trailer so that any portion of the trailer is within thirty (30) feet of an intersection for a period of more than one hour, regardless of whether such trailer is hitched to a vehicle or unhitched. 2. Move a trailer not lawful under his/her control and park such trailer for a period of longer that one hour into any prohibited area.

The BOA approved a budget amendment of +\$30,000 regarding Wehmeyer Farms, LLC for Harris and Carrington/Why 47 Water Main Replacement from \$225,098.00 to \$255,098.00 due to a typographical error on the bid letter.

Approved an application for Payment No. 2 submitted by Wehmeyer Farms, Inc. for Harris Street and Hwy 47/Carrington Water Main Replacement in the amount of \$30,297.40.

Approved change order No. 1 for silt fence in the amount of \$525.00 submitted by Wehmeyer Farms, Inc. for Harris St. and Hwy 47/Carrington water main replacement.

Approved application for payment No. 3 submitted by Wehmeyer Farms, Inc. for Harris St. and Hwy 47/Carrington Water Main Replacement in the amount of \$54,375.63.

Approved partial pay estimate No. 2 to Cannon Companies for TAP Sidewalk in the amount of \$318,946.20.

The board discussed, but postponed, a decision for an ATV Permit Application by Christopher Groh, 1270 Sleepy Hollow Dr., Troy, MO

Approved and authorized the Mayor to sign a Lease Agreement for 2017 Police Cars with US Bank.

Approved and authorized the Mayor to Sign Sanitary Sewer Extension Construction Contract for Industrial Ground with Cannon Co., Inc.

Approved and authorized the Mayor to sign Cochran Engineering Contract for Engineering and Surveying Services for Troy Sanitary Sewer Extension for Industrial Ground in the amount of \$22,449.00.

Approved Change Order No. 2 submitted by Cannon Co. for TAP Main St. Sidewalk Project Removing Pay Item of Rock Excavation (\$19,250.00), adding drain structure and decorative fence +\$5,918.00 and 31-day extension of completion date.

Awarded Crooked Creek Park – Rough Grading and SWPPP to Karrenbrock Excavating, LLC as recommended by Cochran Engineering of Base Bid in the amount of \$209,430.01.

The Troy Police Department also held its first National Night Out which was held in the City Park and had somewhere between 50 and 60 people come by the event for information about National Night Out. The department will have the event next year in hopes that we will have several events in subdivisions in the City of Troy. Next year's event will take place the first Tuesday night in August, 2018.

All the police officers completed a day of patrol Combat training the week of August 7th with firearms officer Lt. Dustyn Tienter.

All officers are looking into ordinance violations as to grass, trash and vehicle violations and are placing them into a 7-day notice. Chief Taylor is working with the property owners along S. Lincoln Dr. that backs up to C St. about getting their properties cleaned up.

In the Public Works Department, they placed 49 tons of asphalt in pothole patching and/or full depth repairs. A lot of this work was done repairing bad spots along Third St. between Monroe and Travis Blvd. The department spent three (3) weeks picking up debris from the storm. All of the branches and such were ground up into mulch which is free to the citizens of Troy and available to folks outside the City Limits for a small fee. Please call the City Shed at 528-4646 to get more details and schedule an appointment. The mulch is first come first served while supplies last.

During the month of July, the Water Dept. pumped 43,606,000 gallons of water which averages 1,306,000 gallons per day with the daily maximum being 1,406,000 gallons. Usage is down from previous years due to the mild summer temperatures, people are not watering their yards as much as usual.

The City has begun enforcing a FOG ordinance that stands for fats, oils and grease. We have begun inspecting grease traps at restaurants etc. to make sure that they are clean and functioning properly and if we find they are not, the business will be given notice to clean them and, if necessary, will be given a citation. I would also like to ask all home owners to please refrain from putting oil and grease from cooking down the drain. When they get in to the sewer system, they get hard and clog the pipes and when they get to the sewer plant they plug things up because the plant is not designed to break them down. Then the wastewater operators are forced to use chemicals to dissolve the fat, oil and grease and that is not only expensive, but hard on the equipment. I might suggest that you pour those items in an empty tin can and when it solidifies, place the can in the trash. Thank in advance for your cooperation.

The street crews are out making repairs to concrete streets so I ask that you slow down and give them room as you drive by. We don't need any accidents.

All eight of the tornado sirens were tested on August 8, 2017 and all are working properly.

In the Parks Dept., the storm that blew through town on July 22nd did some damage to equipment to the aquatic center. Three of the large funbrella umbrellas were ripped. Two of them were able to be repaired but one will have to be replaced. Storm cleanup look up a lot of time. We had numerous trees down in all the parks. It took a couple of weeks to get back on track but all things are back to normal. The concession stand near the duck pond was broken into twice last month. Steel bars were added to the role up door in hopes it will be reinforced enough to keep people from kicking it in. A police report was filed and the police said that they would keep a close eye on the stand when patrolling the park. Now that school has started, the police will be increasing patrols in the park in the afternoons in hopes that this will keep the kids on their best behavior.

Sales tax deposits for August of 2017 were 1.08% less than deposits for August of 2016. The 1% Local Sales Tax was 1.06% lower, the ½% transportation tax was 1.13% lower and the ½% Capital Improvement Tax was 1.09% lower that August of 2016. August's deposits would be for June's collections. Two months into the 2017-2018 fiscal year our sales tax receipts are up by 6.53%.

You may or may not be aware that the City converted its lights in all buildings and along Main St. to LED a while back. The cost of the project was \$60,000 and was done as part of an agreement with the EPA in conjunction with our wastewater treatment facility upgrades. Anyway, the lights on Main St. downtown are on a bill by themselves so they are easy to monitor. Since the LED installation, the average monthly bill has gone from \$214.20 to \$56.40 per month. If the savings is similar with all the other facilities, the cost of making this change will pay for itself in about five years. After that the City will get to keep the savings and use that money for other purposes.

That is all I have for this month. School has started so watch out for the children when you are driving because they probably won't be watching for you.

Be kind to one another and God Bless you. I will talk to you next month.