

I hope that you all had a safe and blessed Thanksgiving with your family and friends. Phyllis and I had the joy of having all our children and grandchildren together at Thanksgiving for the first time in quite a while. It turns out to be some group when you add in friends and other extended family members.

The Board of Alderman met on November 20, 2017 and took the following action;

The board approved two pay requests totaling \$384,517.79 for M & H Concrete for the Slab Replacement Project #170711001. They also approved a change order for \$173,330.37 on October 19, 2017 regarding additional work on Third Street.

The board also approved a change order for Wehmeyer Farms for a credit of \$3,292.00 and a final payment of \$17,091.43 to close out the Harris St. and Carrington Dr. waterline replacement project.

Also approved, were revisions to the job descriptions for Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer/Payroll Clerk, Police Clerk, Sewer Maintenance Worker and Deputy City Clerk/Human Resource Generalist to more accurately align them with the work that was being done by each individual.

Adopted Resolution 2017-3 - A resolution authorizing individuals of certain positions as authorized signers for banking purposes on accounts now registered or hereafter registered in the name of the City of Troy specifically designated for community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects.

The board tabled an item that would have approved the Lincoln County 911 – Dispatching 2018 contract in the amount of \$194,073.46 and addendum for quarterly payments until the City Attorney was able to get some questions answered by the attorney for the county.

Authorized the Mayor to sign an engineering services contract with Cochran engineering for the Mennemeyer Road project in the amount of \$76,895.00.

Awarded Crooked Creek Park – rough grading and SWPPP Project to Karrenbrock Excavating in the amount of \$82,656.54.

Approve Oakley Plat 4, a re-plot of certain portions of Oakley Plat 1, and includes the release of certain interior easements as set forth in Oakley Plat 1 and the relocation of easements as set forth in Oakley Plat 4. Then to accept dedication of the streets, storm sewers, sanitary sewers and water lines in Oakley Plat 1, and the proposed amendment thereto set forth in Oakley Plat 4.

Approve and authorize Woodard & Curran to proceed with Phase 4.0, per work order number 004 executed June 8, 2016 and as modified by work order number 005 executed May 1, 2017.

In the Police Department, they are currently training Patrol Officers to do the duties in the Detective Bureau, which in the future will have a better understanding of who is qualified when the time comes to add another detective to the bureau. At the same time, it lets the patrolman understand what it is the detective bureau needs while conducting an investigation.

The Chief of Police is currently contacting churches to help them prepare for intruder and/or active shooters that have the potential to enter their house of worship, all done to be on the side of safety.

All the Halloween trunk and treats, along with the Pumpkin Festival, went off very well this year. At these events, Officer Parker was able to attend with his K-9 which opens a lot of doors with the community and the Police Department, which is always a good thing.

You may have seen on Facebook, or in the paper, regarding an individual passing counterfeit \$100.00 bills in Troy. The Detective Bureau identified the subject, who was from Indiana, and we have turned the investigation over to the Secret Service who will be going for a Federal Indictment.

In the Public Works Department; they placed 12.5 tons of asphalt in pothole patching and/or full depth repairs and another 124 cubic yards of concrete for street repairs. A partial list of streets includes Parkway Drive, Judy Ln., Crooked Mill Ct., Cap-au-Gris, and Whitetail Crossing entrance.

All the Christmas decorations have been displayed.

In the Water Dept., production for the month of October was 34,515,000 gallons with a daily maximum of 1,402,000 gallons on the 2nd of the month. All bacteriological samples were reported absent of any contamination.

In the wastewater collection system, they treated the lines for FOG (fats, oils and grease) as well as roots. If there is any way at all that you can refrain from dumping any fats, oils or grease down the drain, that would be very helpful because it is extremely hard on the sewer plants. They have a tough time breaking down those substances.

They ran the camera through 1355 feet of sewer lines looking for blockages and breaks. Then jetted 353 feet of lines to remove debris. They also repaired a sewer main on Cap-au-Gris where Ameren's gas service line was bored through our sewer main. Ameren will cover the cost of the repair. Repairs were made to manholes that were allowing water and debris to get into the system.

Finally, prepared the fleet for the upcoming winter season, getting ready for snow removal. All the drivers went over their routes to familiarize themselves for that fateful day when the big snow comes. We have just over 100 tons of salt ready to be spread on city streets.

In the wastewater treatment department, they purchased a Medora AP-500 mixer that was installed in Crooked Creek liftstation. After the 30-day risk free trial, they noticed a major reduction of grease and trash buildup in the liftstation which means that this liftstation may never need to be cleaned with the Vactor truck again. There should also be a cost savings in chemical treatments. Eventually they would like to install one of these mixers in all liftstations that constantly have grease and trash buildup.

There was a major failure at the Hwy 47 plant on November 6, 2017 when the clarifier drive shaft rotted enough to be twisted off. Fab Tech out of O'Fallon, MO came in and made the repair. Much of the preparation for the repair was done by our team to keep the cost of the repair down. The plant went back to full capacity on November 8th.

Sales tax deposits for November of 2017 were 14% lower than deposits for November of 2016. The 1% local sales tax was 14.17% lower, the ½% transportation tax was 13.82% lower and the ½% Capital Improvement tax was 14.16% lower than November of 2016. After five months of the fiscal year, we are down by .95% or \$19,392.10 as compared to the same period in FY 2017.

Representatives from the firm of Croghan & Croghan were in our offices on October 24th and 25th to conduct their onsite work for the preparation and audit of our FY2017 financial statements. The Treasurer has been providing follow-up and drafting the MD & A. Missouri Lagers provided mandated audit documents to us just last week and we forwarded them on to the auditors. It is hoped that there will be a draft of the audit for board approval at the December meeting. The audited financial statements must be provided to the state and to Security Bank of Kansas City by December 31st.

The Parks Director reports that Karrenbrock Excavating was the successful bidder on the Crooked Creek excavation work, so we should see some work beginning on that project soon depending on the weather.

Soccer and football have ended for the season and we are working on removing equipment off the fields, so we can begin to work on repairing the fields.

The fountain in Fairgrounds Park broke and cannot be repaired. We have started the search for a new one and hope to replace it this year, but depending on the cost we may have to wait until the next budget year.

In the Administrative Department, preparations are underway for candidate filing for the April municipal election. Filing begins on December 12th at 8:00 a.m. This election will cover one Alderman from each of the three wards and the Mayor. The Aldermanic posts are a two-year term and Mayor is a four-year term.

That is all I have for the update on what is happening in Troy. I would like to say that I have decided to run for another term as Mayor. There are currently several projects in the works that I would like to see to completion. I know that there will always be projects in the works, but these I don't feel I can leave in the middle of, like the wastewater treatment plant upgrades what we are developing.

Since this is my last message before the end of the year, let me take a moment and wish all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from my family to yours. I hope you all have a safe and blessed holiday season and please be kind to one another.