

The Board of Alderman met on January 18, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. and took the following action;

The meeting started with two Public Hearings, (a) one for the Historic Preservation Commission's request for Bonfils Auditorium to be a Landmark outside the Historic District; and (b) the purpose was for citizen comment on the request for approval of a Zoning Amendment from "P-R" Park & Recreation District to "R-2" Single Family Residential District submitted by Mark Cross, Applicant, on behalf of property owner, City of Troy, this property is located at 650 Cap Au Gris. Mr. Mark Schaefer addressed the board with questions about the rezoning. He was concerned about the possibility of a future owner building a duplex, of which he was not in favor. He was informed that all of the properties on both sides for the street in that area are also zoned "R-2" including home so the zoning was consistent with the area. The new zoning would allow a new owner to build a single-family home or a duplex and that whatever might be built would have to go through the P & Z Commission where he would be able to voice his concerns again.

Four bills were introduced to become ordinances having to do with all terrain/utility vehicles. All were tabled until the next board meeting to give two of the alderman a chance to reread them and become more familiar with them.

The board approved Change Order #1 submitted by Cochran Engineering in the amount of \$1,580.00 for a Cultural Resource Survey for the Troy Industrial Ground Sanitary sewer extension. This survey is done to look for archeological items.

The board approved a liquor license application for Naturally Designed LLC at 451 Main Street.

They approved a request by the Historical Society of a Cemetery Tour, Boone Street on Thursday, June 7, 2018 from 4-9 pm (with a rain date of June 14, 2018).

They approved a Budget Amendment – Sewer Fund: Construction for \$180,000.00.

They approved Budget Amendments; Bond Proceeds \$2,108,300.00 and Bonds: Cost of Issuance \$68,835.00 and Payment to Escrow Agent 42,039,500.00.

They approved the designation application submitted by the Historic Preservation Commission for Bonfils Auditorium to be a Landmark outside the Historic District.

They approved a zoning amendment form "P-R" Park & recreation district to "R-2" single Family Residential District on behalf of the City of Troy the property owner, for the property located at 650 Cap au Gris.

They set the date for the February 2018 Board of Aldermen meeting (due to Holiday Conflict on February 19, 2018). That new date is February 21, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

They discussed and approved increasing Non-Resident Aquatic Center fees by \$1.00, as requested by Parks Director Ryan Howell.

They discussed and approved adopting Resolution 2018-1, resolution of Support for Walnut Creek estates, a proposed development for Senior Citizens.

In December the Police Dept. started On-Line training for continuing education through a link with the Missouri Sheriff's Association and through MoPerm. The new program is free. In the past, the department has paid \$3,000.00 for on-line training through the Police Academy.

Lt. Dustyn Tienter recently finished a week of lock up training for all the officers and last month all of the night qualifications in firearms was completed.

There was a recent bout of counterfeit money being passed in Troy. All the counterfeit bills were turned over to the Secret Service. The department could identify the suspect and that information was also turned over.

On the down side, the department has had several heroin overdoses where officers had to administer Narcan. There has also been an increase in the number of domestic calls which is not unusual for this time of year.

The Public Works Dept. used twelve tons of salt on the streets during the recent snow events. That is from a supply of 500 tons the department had to start the winter season.

In addition to inspecting, repairing and raising 37 manholes, they inspected over a mile of sewer right-of-way; camera inspected 774 feet of sewer line and jetted another 559 feet of line. They are in the final stages of organizing an inspection and list of businesses with grease traps. This is so we can work with those businesses to minimize the impact of grease on the entire sewer system from customer to wastewater plant.

All eight emergency sirens were tested on January 2, 2018 and all are working properly.

Because of the extremely cold temperatures, the crews spent a lot of time thawing out water meters. We want to thank our customers for their patience.

The wastewater treatment team continues to do wonders by keeping the two plants operating as efficiently as they can until we can get the old plant closed and the southeast plant reconfigured. They recently replaced the soft starter on Blower #6 with a retired piece of equipment from the Water Department. This older style of soft start fit right into our very dated equipment. The repair was done completely in house and the repair cost was around \$500.00. Using this recycled equipment and doing the repairs themselves saved the city an estimated \$6,000.00. At the same time, the main blower at the MBR plant failed. The failure of the blower destroyed the front bearing of the drive motor. While the blower has been replaced, we cannot bring the other half of the MBR plant back online due to the main flow valve on reactor #2 rotting off under the water. This valve is 25 feet deep and will have to be completely rebuilt. This will be pushed to the top of the list of projects that are dependent on weather.

Sales tax deposits for January of 2018 were down by 23.05% as compared to January of 2017. While this sounds like a dramatic decrease, there are extenuating circumstances to consider. The Missouri Dept. of Revenue stated that we would be receiving a supplemental distribution because in their words: "the Department is taking extraordinary action by making this supplemental distribution of local sales and use taxes that had been collected through November 30, 2017 but not distributed during the regularly scheduled distribution in early December". When you add in the supplemental distribution the FY total sales tax receipts are up by 1.57% as compared to the prior fiscal year.

The City Treasurer and Deputy City Treasurer will be attending the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Winter Seminar in Columbia, Missouri on February 28th. Some of the topics include: Employment Law, changes in uniform guidance & internal controls and record retention.

In the Building Department, there were nine permits issued for new housing starts in December 2017 and for the first six months of the FY there were 40 new housing starts. The total number of permits issued, of all kinds, during the first six months of FY 2017-2018 is 97 with a total valuation of \$7,490,063.95.

The City Clerk reports that the following people signed up to run in the April 3, 2018 municipal election: Mayor – four-year term, Mark A. Cross and Gerard L. Hagedorn; Alderman Ward I, two year term, Harold Horner and Karen M. Curt; Alderman Ward II, two year term; David Norman and Margaret Eversmeyer; Alderman Ward III, two year term, Todd Walker.

The annual employee Safety meeting held in December was informative and covered cyber security threats. Simultaneously therewith, a distracted driving video/policy (in conjunction with the City's cell phone use policy) was added to the meeting's agenda. This added safety meeting agenda item was a result of a risk management assessment performed by the City's insurance carrier.

The City is applying to the State Revolving Fund for the \$18.187 million that it will take to upgrade our wastewater treatment facilities. We recently were moved to the "funded list" by MoDNR and had our Facility Plan approved by the review board. There was a lot of negotiating back and forth over several issues between the City, along with its engineering firm Woodard and Curran and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. There were three specific areas where we did not agree and after several very long conference call sessions, we were able to convince the department of our need for two of them and by doing so **we saved the City \$1,000,000.00 in added construction/equipment cost** as well as ongoing operating expenses over the next thirty years. So now we move on to the actual design stage, which will take approximately six months. The current schedule we have, calls for the new facility to operational in the first quarter of 2020.

That is all I have for this month. Please be careful as we continue through the remaining winter months. When there is snow on the ground, watch out for kids playing in the street and the snow plows - if you can keep your vehicles off of the streets while they are being plowed, that would make the job go faster and easier and you won't have to dig your car out of the snow. Remember, be kind to one another and God Bless you all.