

The Board of Alderman met on June 19, 2017 and took the following actions;

The board approved and authorized the Mayor to sign the Troy Economic Development contract with Troy Chamber of Commerce. They approved the proposed budget for the Troy Convention and Visitors Bureau for FY 2017 – 2018. They approved salary increases for city employees, as recommended by the Department Directors. They reappointed Gary Cockrum to the Planning and Zoning Commission and appointed, for the first time, Edward Robinson to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The board approved a site plan review for the subdividing of land at 582 Kuhne Heights as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. They approved a revised job description for a Maintenance Worker. The board authorized the Mayor to sign an internet auction agreement between the City of Troy and Purple Wave Auction to sell salvage vehicles on behalf of the City of Troy. They approved a partial pay request from Cannon Contractors regarding the Main Street Sidewalk Project TAP 9900(383) in the amount of \$109,286.80. They set a special meeting date of June 20, 2017 to adopt the FY 2017-2018 budget. Finally, they authorized the Mayor to execute Acceptance of General Warranty Deeds from Lincoln County R-III School District. This was in regard to Crooked Creek park ground and road for property donated by Lincoln County R-III School District.

#### Department Reports:

In the Police Department, they have signed the Memorandum of Understanding between the Troy Police Department and the St. Charles County Police Department Cyber Crime Task Force as they do every year. Some of the training they have scheduled includes firearms training for the whole department and Missouri Police Chiefs Combined Training and Conference.

In Public works, they placed 11 cubic yards of concrete and some of the streets they fixed were Hyde Dr. and Bishop Dr. They pumped 36,114,000 gallons of water for the month with the highest volume of 1,641,000 on June 17<sup>th</sup>. All bacteriological samples were reported absent of any contamination. Fire hydrant maintenance, painting and exercising valves was carried on during June. They kept storm sewer catch basins open and kept the right-of-ways mowed. They finished the repair of the sanitary sewer line at Clonts Field. We completed the inspection of the main trunk lines and found a serious break in the line going to the old sewer plant. It took several days to make the repair, but the I and I going to the plant should be noticeably less. Speaking of I and I – that is clean water that gets into the sanitary sewer lines – we replaced 4 clean out caps in people’s yards, reset one manhole ring that was knocked off by a tractor and brush hog, and we found two manholes and lamp holes that are buried. It is very important that if you break a clean out cap or accidentally move a manhole, that you call Public Works at 528-4646 so it can be fixed right away. Clean water is the enemy of wastewater treatment plants.

The wastewater treatment plants had some difficulties in the last month. One of the main blower motors failed and was replaced with a backup motor at the southeast plant. One of the two main pumps at the Hwy 47 plant failed on June 12<sup>th</sup> because, we believe, the bearings in the motor failed due to normal wear and tear. The motor has been picked up and taken in to be repaired. Crops have been planted for this season, so we will not be doing any sludge application until around October. We prepared for this by making storage room in hopes that we would not have to have a contract hauler come in and haul off any sludge. Over the last couple of weeks, the crew has taken advantage of free training offered by MoDNR that will help us towards renewing our licenses. Progress towards expanding our southeast WWTP continues, but at a slow pace, even though we are still on track to open the newly expanded plant in October 2019.

Sales tax deposits for June of 2017 were 5.64% lower than deposits for June of 2016. The 1% local sales tax was 6.02% lower, the ½% transportation tax was 4.20% lower and the ½% Capital Improvement tax was 6.06% lower than June of 2016. June's deposits would be for April's collections. We ended the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year, our sales tax deposits finished at .49% over the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

In the building department, we issued seven permits for new individual housing starts which brought our total of new starts to 80 for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year. That compares to the 48 new starts that we had budgeted for, so Troy is definitely growing again.

The aquatic center opened with a strong start to the swimming season, which can be directly attributed to the good weather that we have had. The pool has had to close fewer times so far this year compared to previous years. There were some complaints about unsupervised and unruly children at the pool. The policy is children 10 and under must be accompanied by someone 16 or older. The life guards and managers have had training sessions explaining to them that they have the authority to remove people from the facility if they are not following the rules. The concession stand has been considerably busier and may have to purchase another standup freezer. Currently the freezer that we have opens and closes way too much and the product stored in there has been thawing out.

In the parks, the fountain at Fairgrounds Park has been causing us a few problems. After removing it this winter we cleaned, tested and put it back in place. Once it was anchored down, it stopped working again. We discovered that a timer on the breaker panel was not working properly and one of the main breakers was not working correctly. Both were replaced and all seems to be working fine. Our last Carol House Pet Clinic visit was a success but the numbers were down a little from previous months. There should be another date set in July.

Merchant license renewals have been mailed to over 400 businesses and dog tags renewals are due (for \$1 folks). Those two items, along with sales of pool passes and resident cards, the front offices of City Hall are productive and busy. The LED Exit lights installation completed the City's LED lighting project. There is a noticeable difference in lighting in the board room, offices and parking lots at various City Hall buildings. It is expected that a noticeable difference will be seen in lower energy bills as well. All tiled flooring in City Hall was cleaned/waxed as part of a regular maintenance program.

The Cherry Street Improvement Project easement acquisition has proceeded with two public meetings, but minimal participation from the property owners. A second request letter was sent and individual meetings are being scheduled with those property owners to complete the easement acquisition paperwork. People are asking me when the Cherry St. project going to start and I tell them that we will have to wait until we have all of the easement work done first and there are over 60 property owners along Cherry St. that we have to contact. This is the slowest part of the project; once we get past this we should see things start to pick up speed.

I think that is about all I have for this month. Be sure as it starts to heat up outside that you drink lots of water and stay out of the heat as much as you can. Gasoline is cheap right now and lots of people are moving around by various means of transportation – walking, biking and cars – so make sure that you are watching out and being careful. Be kind to one another and God bless you all.