

The Board of Alderman met on April 17, 2017 and took the following action;

They approved the certification of the results from the April 4<sup>th</sup> election. Following the approval, City Clerk Jodi Schneider administered the oath of office for Alderman Pursuant to Election Results: Ron Sconce, Ward I; Lisa Anderson, Ward II and Dennis Detert, Ward III; all serving a two year term. Then the Board nominated and elected Lisa Anderson as President of the Board of Aldermen. I would like to congratulate all of those that were elected and encourage those that did not to find other ways to serve the City of Troy, possibly by serving on a board or commission, but at least to attend the board's monthly meetings.

The board approved several citizens requests; one, Paula Losh's request to hold a Cub Scout Recruitment Event in Fairgrounds Park tentatively scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup>; two, Debby Hass requested to put a small Memorial Marker at Woods Fort for all who fought in both the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812 and died while living in Troy; and three, Autumn Waller requested to host St. Stephen Church's event in the park July 17-19.

The board approved renewing liquor licenses for Casey's, Walgreens, Buzzy's, Stefanina's, Chihuahua's and Zadocks.

Patricia Stevenson was appointed to serve on the Park Board and Debbie Thurmon was reappointed to serve on the Historic Preservation Commission. I would like to congratulate them and thank them for volunteering to serve the City of Troy.

The City's first fireworks permit was approved and issued to Daniel Fleri, Incendio Fireworks LLC. Unfortunately it is still illegal to discharge fireworks in the city limits of Troy.

Continuing with planning and zoning, the board approved the subdividing of Lots 251 and 253 West College St. The board also approved building a duplex on lot 122 (883A and 883B Second Street).

The board approved Mr. Dan Breen, Stefanina's Pizzeria and Banquet Center (restaurant industry) and Mrs. Jessica Hieger, Super 8 Motel (hotel/motel industry) to Troy Convention and Visitor's Bureau for a term expiring June 2017. The BOA also approved renewing the contract with the Troy Area Chamber of Commerce to oversee the Troy Convention and Visitors Bureau.

They approved the contract with Henergy Energy LLC for the LED Lighting project. This is part of the City's agreement with the EPA, a Supplemental Environmental Project totaling \$60,000.00. The LED lights will go in the entire city owned buildings and the street lights on downtown Main St. This was part of a negotiated agreement with the EPA. Originally the EPA wanted to fine the city \$189,000.00 for violations at the Hwy 47 sewer plant. We were able to get the fine reduced to \$100,000.00 cash and the \$60,000.00 SEP (LED lighting project) so that the citizens of Troy would get some value for their tax dollars.

The board discussed and then approved funding approval for a grant application to CDBG Program of Missouri Department of Economic Development regarding Mennemeyer Rd. improvements. I would like to clarify a few things regarding this project for which I voted yes to break a tie vote among the aldermen. For whatever reason, years ago the city took ownership of Mennemeyer Rd. from Hwy 47 to the old railroad right of way, thereby making it a city street just like Cherry St. or Lincoln Dr. We are responsible for any repairs that need to be made. There are many citizens of Troy that live in Wingate

subdivision that use Mennemeyer Rd. to get to and from their home. Witte Bros. Exchange, a trucking company, is also located on Mennemeyer Rd. and owns approximately 86 acres, all of which are located within the city limits of Troy. That means they pay city taxes just like any other citizen or business. The ground is zoned for industrial use and 55 acres is primed for future industrial development. Recently Witte Bros. announced that they will be expanding their operation and creating 40 new jobs in three years and 105 jobs in the next five years, along with increasing their truck traffic by at least a third. I know many of you will say if Witte is making the road deteriorate then they should pay to fix the road and I agree. But here is the thing; the estimated cost to improve the road to handle the additional traffic is just over \$1,000,000.00. Because of Witte Bros. creating jobs Troy was able to apply for a grant of \$800,000.00 to help pay for the upgrade to Mennemeyer Rd. We would have to fix the road no matter what, so to have the grant money makes the job considerably easier to do.

There was an article in the Lincoln County Journal about this action by the board and in the headline the indication was that because of the Mennemeyer Rd. project the Cherry St. project was going to be put on hold. That is not the case at all. We have already budgeted \$1,000,000.00 for the Cherry St. project and when the plans are complete and all of the other paperwork is done, we will bid the project in at least two and maybe three phases. Once a contractor is selected, we will start construction and go as far down Cherry St. as we can for the \$1M dollars. That is approximately to Wood St. We will budget the additional funds needed to finish Cherry St. as they become available. The only change to the whole process is that we will start the Mennemeyer Rd. project first because there is a three year period where we have to use the grant funds. If anyone has any questions about all of this, I will be happy to discuss it with you. You can call Troy City Hall or email me at [mcross@cityoftroymissouri.com](mailto:mcross@cityoftroymissouri.com).

The board discussed the current way that we charge for bulk water usage and then talked about several different ways that we could change the process. This would be to ensure we are getting paid for each gallon of water being used. No decision was made and the subject will be revisited after some additional information is gathered for the board.

The board set a date for the first budget workshop. It took place on May 1, 2017 as was a broad overview of the budget for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year. Another meeting is scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.m.

The city is still in need of volunteers to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Missouri Extension Board and the Historic Preservation Commission. If you have interest in serving your community by serving in one of these capacities, or if you know someone that would be interested, please contact me and I will be happy to give you additional information. This would be your way of serving your city and making it a better place to live and raise a family.

Finally, the board told the department heads that if they had any interest in getting raises for the people in their department, they should look at their budget and see where they might be able to cut some things in order to give those raises and still be budget neutral. Or as Alderman Anderson put it, invest in your people, not in things.

That is it for this month. I hope the weather continues to warm up and we get a little less rain, especially in such a short period of time. Keep an eye out for kids playing outside, and if you're driving be prepared to stop quickly because most of the time they will not be watching for you. Enjoy the oncoming summer season and be careful out there. God bless you all.