

I hope that this finds all of the citizens of Troy doing well and enjoying the summer.

I will start off by updating you on several projects that I have discussed in the past; one, Cherry Blossom Way continues to progress; they have finished all of the storm water system repairs and they have torn up and replaced the south side of the street. If they haven't already, they should start the other side very soon, looking at a date of August 3. Because of weather issues and other unforeseen problems this project is running about thirty days behind schedule. The anticipated finish date is now September 25th, barring unforeseen circumstances. I recently walked the entire job site with the engineer to look at workmanship and whether or not the contractor is adhering to the plans and specs. There have already been several instances where an inspector has made a contractor tear out finished work and redo to specifications.

The weather has held up the asphalt improvements to Monroe St., Mallard St., the basketball courts and the parking lot in Fairgrounds (City) Park. The work should begin the last week of August or first week of September.

On the other hand as I write this today, Sweetens Concrete is starting the other half of Robin Hood today and should be finished around the second week of August.

Engineering on the Buchanan Ct. storm water repairs and the Main St. sidewalk projects are moving ahead. The surveyors were out on Main St. last week to get measurements and verify information.

In addition, we have an engineer working on plans for some repairs to Shellbark Dr. and we will be going out for bid soon for asphalt repairs to Westin Dr. and Ct.

We are still waiting on a rain free forecast of at least a week so that Mick Mehler & Sons can get into Weinand Park to, ironically, put in a drainage system that should improve the use of the park considerably. We have an engineer working on plans for some repairs to Shellbark Dr. and we will be going out for bid soon for asphalt repairs to Westin Dr. and Ct.

The Board of Alderman has authorized me to send out a Request for Qualifications for an engineering firm to design repairs and improvements to E. Cherry St. from Main St. to S. Lincoln Dr. The cost of this project is a staggering \$2.4 million dollars, all of which will be funded by the City of Troy. The project as of now is scheduled to be done in three phases; Main St. to Wood St. would be phase one; Wood St. to Front St. would be phase two and Front St. to Lincoln Dr. would be phase three. At least part of the phased approach is because the City needs to spread the huge cost over three budget years. It is because of the cost that the Board of Alderman has only authorized the funding for the hiring of an engineer and the drawing up of the plans. The second reason is that the entire street will be torn out all the way to dirt and then replaced. Storm water issues will be repaired or replaced to alleviate drainage problems that cause the street to deteriorate faster due to standing water. Finally, there will be new sidewalks installed on both sides of the street and they will meet ADA guidelines. So as you can see this is a major undertaking that requires much planning and of course patience on the part of the citizens of the city and the drivers along Cherry St. I will keep you up to date with the progress as we move along.

We are in need of some volunteers to serve on various boards or commissions. This is your chance to get active in your community and make a difference. There is an opening on Planning and Zoning Commission due to the resignation of Mrs. Patsy Creech. I would like to thank Mrs. Creech for her many

years of dedicated service to the City of Troy. There are also openings on the Historic Preservation Commission, the Troy Area Convention and Visitors commission. Serving in any of these positions can be very gratifying. If you are interested, go to the City's web site cityoftroymissouri.com and fill out a brief application and after reviewing the app I will submit your name to the Board of Alderman for approval.

The Troy Police Department was awarded a \$2500.00 grant from the Walmart Community Grants Team at Store #60. The Grant Team stated they strongly believe in giving back and are proud to support organizations that improve communities where customers live and work. The grant donation will help support our K-9 unit.

On June 25th, 2015 the police department received a letter of thanks from the City of Bowling Green. Troy PD assisted on June 15th in a felony stealing case that occurred in Bowling Green, Missouri. The suspects took a hammer and brock open a glass display case and took approximately 30 Apple I Phones, valued at over twenty two thousand dollars, (\$22,000.00). The suspect and vehicle information was dispatched to surrounding agencies. A short time later Officers, Sergeant Nick Brimager, Officer Wayne Mueller and Officer Steve Dyer, stopped the vehicle and arrested 5 suspects and recovered over \$12,000.00 in stolen merchandise.

The PD's I-Marksmen Training/Shooting system has been installed in the department training room and all officers will train with the system once a month with the Department firearms instructor Lt. Dustyn Tienter.

Finally, 3 new radars units, safety equipment for each patrol vehicle, our K-9 membership and certification fee have all been ordered and are starting to arrive. It should be noted that all of this equipment, worth \$10,429.00, was purchased with drug forfeiture monies.

In Public Works, street repairs and maintenance placed 30 tons of asphalt in pothole patching and/or full depth repairs. The Water Department pumped 33,428,000 gallons of water in the past month with an average daily average of 1,114,000 gallons per day. The maximum daily output was 1,262,000 gallons on June 9th. Our new well, number 14, is up and running. It is producing 450 gallons per minute as designed.

On July 2, 2015 the tornado sirens were tested and all sounded normally. The siren in Crooked Creek subdivision did not rotate so the company representative was called. He ordered the required part and will see that it is repaired because the unit is still under warranty.

In the Building Department, during the month of June there were a total of 11 permits issued for new housing starts and for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year there were a total of 65 permits issued.

Sales tax deposits for July of 2015 were 2.38% less than deposits for July of 2014. The 1% Local Sales Tax was 3.01% lower, the ½% Transportation Tax was .35% lower and the ½% Capital Improvement's Tax was 3.08% lower than July of 2014. With the close of the fiscal year, and the beginning of a new one, Linda Flinn, Treasurer, will be working on the 6-month report for the newspaper. Pursuant to state statute, this report must be published by the end of the month following a six-month period. Treasurer Flinn is also analyzing our expenditures of Federal Grant funds to see if the City has reached the \$500,000.00 spending threshold. If the City has reached that threshold, we would be required by state statute to file a single audit. The final analysis will be conducted by the City Auditor.

In the Administrative Department, second notices for business license renewals have been mailed and collection should be completed by mid-August. A discussion on business and liquor licensing fee structure and general updating on collection efforts was placed on this month's agenda. The plan is to make recommendations for changes to the Board of Alderman with sufficient time to discuss and review and have the board approve in time to place the item on the April 2016 ballot for voter approval.

The annual Primacy Fee assessed by Missouri Department of Natural Resources Clean Water has been added to utility bills. The rate of the fee decreased due to the number of connections. Citizens will also see a small increase in sanitation rates effective July 1, 2015.

Finally, several individuals came before the Board of Alderman with requests for special events. First up was Ashley Rottler from Mercy Hospital Lincoln. Mrs. Rottler requested to have a 5K race for the hospital on city streets. The date of the event is Saturday October 10th at 8 a.m. The board approved letting the hospital run the race on the requested city streets.

Jeff Burkemper requested permission to hold a vintage car cruise through downtown Troy. The cruise would start at 6 p.m. in Troy Carpet and Flooring's south parking lot, cruise up Main St. to west on College St. to the parking lot at the Junior High School and then cruise back the same route to the carpet stores parking lot. There would be a \$10.00 entry fee with some of the proceeds going to a local charity. The drivers could make the loop as many times as they like between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. The board also approved this event.

A representative from Harvester Christian Church requested the use of the old pavilion in Fairgrounds Park for their 10th Anniversary celebration on Sunday September 20, 2015. The board also approved this event and instructed the church to coordinate their activities with the Director of Parks and Recreation, Ryan Howell.

I think that is it for this month. Be safe and be kind to one another out there and God bless you all.

Sincerely,