

The Chief of Police showed the Board of Alderman a picture of a toy water gun that has been converted into a fully operational 12 gauge shotgun so that the board would know what Law Enforcement is dealing with every day.

All of the City's patrol cars, detective cars and walkie talkies have been loaded up with the St. Louis County Riot frequencies in case we are needed or if we need help, all officers will be on the same frequency.

Sales tax deposits for December of 2014 were 5.42% more than the deposits for December of 2013. The 1% Local Sales Tax was 5.57% higher, the ½% Transportation Tax was 5.73% higher and the ½% Capital Improvements' Tax was 4.83% higher than December of 2013. At the half year point for the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year, our sales tax receipts are up by 10.63% as compared to the same period in FY2014. The Ameren semi-annual franchise tax payment of gross receipts tax was received on November 28, 2014 in the amount of \$281,225.73. This represents an increase of 7.84% over the November 2013 payment. This is a gross receipts tax assessed on commercial electric and natural gas accounts, at a rate of 5%. This payment covers the period of May through October of 2014.

The Board of Alderman approved hiring 21 Design Group to do survey work and assess whether gravity flow between two wastewater facilities located in the City of Troy is feasible. In addition, 21 Design would meet with all necessary property owners to determine the best route for the gravity main. Finally they would prepare sanitary sewer easement legal description for use with the easement legal description.

Work on the Blair and Trail Ave. storm sewer, sanitary sewer and street replacement has been shut down for the winter. Once the weather warms up enough for the asphalt plants to reopen that project will be completed. If you have to go into that area please be careful.

That is it for December. The time of the year and the weather has things slowed down but they will pick back up once January gets here. Be kind to one another and I will see you next month.