

I would like to start off by saying, "The rain will stop someday because the City has awarded contracts on several projects none of which can start until the rain stops". As of now we have a contractor working on rebuilding Cherry Blossom Way, we have awarded Mid Rivers Asphalt a contract to rebuild the parking lot in Fairgrounds (City) Park. They will also repave Monroe St. through the park from S. Lincoln Dr. to Fair Ct.; Mallard Dr. by the duck pond will be repaved as well as the basketball court. Mehler and Sons has a contract to fix a serious drainage problem in Weinand Park as soon as it stops raining; Major repairs are scheduled to get started on Robin Hood Dr. In the Legends Subdivision; work on Buchanan Ct. is on hold until the new fiscal year starts on July 1st and then will be completed in the second half of this year. Finally, the engineering work has begun on the sidewalk on the west side of Main St. running from Main St. Elementary School to College St. These are all projects that are funded and either under way or will start very soon.

The Board of Alderman will be voting on the new budget for the upcoming fiscal year. There are several more projects that will be started and finished during the coming fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2015. I will give you more information on them once the budget is passed by the board.

I would like to thank the following people for volunteering their free time to serve on various boards and commission; Board of Adjustment, Bob Simmons and John Lenk; Planning and Zoning, Kevin Bishop and DeeAnn Aydelott; Park Board Kelsey Baker was a new member of the Park Board. We have some spots to fill on the Historic Preservation Commission because of the resignation of Mr. George Giles; the Troy Convention and Visitors Bureau to replace Barb Nickel who was a good friend to a lot of people. Barb passed away several months ago. If you are interested in serving on a board or commission, there is an application form on the City website for you to fill out and turn in to the ladies at the windows.

In our continuing effort to bring new businesses, both commercial and industrial, we will be trying to contract with PGAV Planners from St. Louis to do an entire marketing analysis of the Troy area. With this information we will be able to show them that they need to be in Troy and that Troy has a lot to offer. This proactive step toward building for the future. I know there are a few of you out there that think that the City isn't doing anything to bring new business here or to help existing businesses to grow but I assure you that we are indeed. There are a couple of opportunities in the works right now and I will tell you more about that when I am able.

The Police Department continues its training with all officers passing their required firearms qualifications. Also, the Chief of Police will be attending the annual Police Chief's Training and Conference from June 28th through July 1st. Starting soon the department will begin the Back to the Streets Program. In this program the Chief of Police and the patrolmen walk the streets in various subdivisions. A will be joining the Chief from time to time with the idea that we will be able to hear your concerns and answer any questions that the citizens may have.

In the Public Works Department we have a contract with Sweetens Concrete to make some major repairs to Robin Hood Ln. and the Engineering firm of Bartlett and West has begun preliminary design work on the new sidewalk on the west side of Main St.

All of this rain is causing some major problems at the waste water treatment plants, we are getting entirely too much fresh (read rain) water into the system. Just as a reminder, there is an ordinance prohibiting the connection of downspouts or sump pumps to the sanitary sewer system. The WWTP's are only designed to process waste water and anything else damages the plant and could to serious damage to the plant. If you have to divert your storm water away from your house, be sure to either

put a drain pipe out in the yard or, in the case of the sump pump run a drain pipe out to within a 6 – 12 inches of the curb. That way at least whatever water isn't absorbed from the pump, we could have run to the street.

While I am on the topic of sewer plants, please refrain from putting grease into the sanitary system. Dump it into a aluminum can. After it turns solid put the can into the trash can. If you put the grease down the drain it solidifies and eventually build up enough that it will block the sewer line. This could cause a backup in your basement.

In the building department there have been 54 residential building permits issued in the month of June, worth more than \$22,237,000 and of those 54 permits there were 10 new housing start.

Sales tax deposits for June of 2015 were 30.98% higher than last year. The ½% transportation tax was up 29.57% and the 1% local sales tax was 31.43% higher than last year. The ½% Capital Improvement Tax was 31.46% higher than June of 2014. June's deposits would be for April's collections. As we end the 2014-20-15 Fiscal Year, our sales tax deposits finished at 11.27% over the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year. Also, we will be having a meeting on June 29th at 6:30pm to vote on a final budget for the next fiscal year.

Finally, the Board of Alderman have approved the selection of PGAV Planners to assist the City in doing a Hotel/Retail Marketing analysis. Provided we can negotiate a mutually acceptable contract price. The purpose of this analysis is to look at where the City is with the hotel and retail businesses it has and to ascertain what would be the best options for filling needs going forward. This will be a major planning tool in helping the city grow.

That is it for this month. I hope that you are all having a safe and fun summer, enjoying vacations and whatever you choose to do. Above all be careful and God bless you all.