

At the April 20th Board of Alderman meeting the results from the election that was held on April 7th were certified and the following board members were sworn in, all for two year terms; Ward I, Ron Sconce; Ward II Lisa Anderson; Ward III Dennis Detert. After the members were sworn in the board voted to elect Margaret Eversmeyer as President of the Board of Alderman.

The aquatic center is being readied for the upcoming season which begins on Saturday May 23rd. Pool passes are now available for sale at City Hall 8:30 – 4:30 Monday thru Friday. Starting Saturday May 16th there will be hours from 11:30am to 2pm. Be sure to get yours and enjoy the pool and all of the other features.

Officer Benny Church is the newest member of the Troy Police Department and it appears that he is catching on to the Troy PD practices and is doing very well. So I would like to welcome Officer Church to the department.

The City has had several complaints in reference to alcohol, drugs and trash at the skate park. The Police have been monitoring the park and on April 10, 2015 the department ran an operation at the City skate park and during the four hour long operation, seven arrests were made. Five were for drug related charges and two minor in possession of alcohol. There has been less of that type of activity since the raid took place but the Police Dept. will continue to monitor the situation. The month of May marks the beginning of the Stranger Danger Presentation in conjunction with the Prosecuting Attorney's office.

We currently have seven police officers who are CIT certified and have four officers lined up for the next class. We will make sure that all of the officers that need to get certified have the opportunity to do so. The plan is for all of the officers that are not current be lined up to get certified as a Crisis Intervention Team member. The officers are trained to deal with people with mental health issues.

The department is gearing up for the summer and they will be operating a Back to the Streets Program. The program consists of several Officers in the early evening, walking through neighborhoods to have better contact with the public. This is the sixth year of this program and it is beneficial to both the residents and the Police Officers. I hope to join the Chief of Police in walking some of these neighborhoods

The annual flushing of the fire hydrants has begun for this year so please be careful and watch for workers. Also in the water department, the Well 14 Project is progressing. The building is complete, security fencing is complete and the electrician has completed his work. We are hoping to have the well on line in the very near future. The new water line that was put in along Cherry St. at Lincoln Dr. has been completed as well as the water line along Elm Tree Rd. A fire hydrant on Wood St. had to be replaced because it was run over by a semi-trailer truck that was lost trying to get to R. P. Lumber.

There were four dog at large calls in April, three of the dogs were returned to their owners and the fourth was adopted out to PALS. We were unable to test the warning sirens this month due to a weather related issue.

Sales tax deposits for April of 2015 were 17.12% more that deposits for April of 2014. The 1% Local Sales Tax was 16.65% higher, the ½% Transportation Tax was 18.63% higher and the ½% Capital Improvement Tax was 16.66% higher that April of 2014. April's deposits would be for February's collections. For the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year, our sales tax deposits are 11.96% higher than the same

period in FY 2014. The Board of Alderman will be holding its first budget workshop on May 20th to begin the process of putting together a budget for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2015.

In the Building Department there were four permits issued for new housing starts and the total for this fiscal year to date is forty one. That is more than all of last year and we have a month to go in the fiscal year.

The Historic Preservation Commission discussed the requirement that they meet at least once per quarter even if they did not have any business to take care of. Mrs. Dee Ann Aydelott attended the 2015 Missouri CLG forum that was held on April 17, 2015 in Jefferson City. She will be relaying the information that she gained to the other members of the Commission.

The new playground equipment that was donated to Fairgrounds Park by the Kiwanis Club of Troy was dedicated on April 14, 2015. There was a crowd of at least one hundred people that attended the dedication, most of them from Kiwanis International who sent the Regional Vice President to officially dedicate the equipment. The City is very thankful to the Kiwanis Club for its help in maintaining the equipment in the park.

The Administrative Department is a flurry of activity with the warmer weather. There are park pavilion rentals, business and liquor license renewals, solicitor permit questions, pool pass/resident card sales.. Which brings me to a point I would like to make. If you see someone selling door to door in your neighborhood or someone approaches you, make sure that they have their City permit. It is important that they check with City Hall before going out into the field so that we can gather information that can be used later if there is a problem. This practice is done to protect our citizens

Bids are being solicited for an electronic timekeeping system for the growing seasonal temporary employees and review of software needs compatible with the current payroll module. Several of the City employees voluntarily signed up to take a CPR training led by Detective Mauzy.

Do to some good bid prices on street projects during this fiscal year there were some unspent street funds that have been reallocated so that they can be used to have Old Cap au Gris repaved from S. Lincoln Dr. past the high school and to the end of the street. This work will not begin until later in the summer after school is out so as to avoid as much traffic as possible.

The Board of Alderman authorized the Mayor to negotiate a contract with Bartlett and West Engineering for the design and project management of the Main St. sidewalk project. The sidewalk will be on the west side of Main St. and run from Main Street Elementary School to the sidewalk at West College. The estimated cost of the sidewalk will be \$342,300.00. Of that total, \$240,000.00 was awarded to the City in the form of a Transportation Alternative Program Grant. The scope of work will include encapsulating the storm ditch and building a bridge over the creek. When completed the sidewalk will afford the children walking to and from school a much safer environment.

That is all I have for now. Enjoy the nice weather, root hard for the Cardinals and be kind to one another.

God bless you all.