

At this past meeting the Board of Alderman listened to a citizen who requested to not only burn outside the normal burn period of October 1st thru March 31st and he wanted to burn paper items. The ordinance clearly states that the only items that can be burnt are leaves, branches and yard waste and it must be from the home owner's property. He asked if the board would be willing to change the ordinance and no one would sponsor a replacement ordinance so the situation remains unchanged.

The board honored a request from Misty Hunt to proclaim October 2016 as Dysautonomia Awareness Month.

The board considered three new ordinances pertaining to water and sewer rates.

1. The first ordinance the board considered was the ordinance on water rates. This ordinance was passed and covers a period of six years. This is the first increase in water rates since 1998. The first increase will go into full force and effect for water use in October for November billing. The new base rate for the first 1,000 gallons of water will be \$5.50 and the rate for each 1,000 gallons after that will be \$2.50. So a household that uses 5,000 gallons in a month would see their water bill go to \$15.50. The Board of Alderman vote was 6-0 in favor of these new rates.
2. The second ordinance the board considered was for sewer rates. The same holds true for these rates, the increases take place annually beginning this year and then annually for five years. The new rates will go into effect for October usage and November billing. The new base rate will be \$15.50 and then \$4.40 for every 1,000 gallons after that. Again, a household that uses 5,000 gallons will see their sewer bill go to \$35.50. The Board of Alderman vote was 6-0 in favor of these new rates.
3. The third ordinance that was considered by the board was a change to eliminate the one time per calendar year sewer credit adjustment for filling a pool. The board voted to reject this change 0-6.

The total increase for a water and sewer bill for a household using 5,000 gallons of water a month will be \$5.00.

Take a look at the water tower over by Mercy Lincoln Hospital. It has been painted and a Trojan head for the high school mascot has been added. It looks great, Go Trojans!

Mid-Rivers Asphalt has completed the resurfacing of Weston Dr., Weston Ct., and Weinand Park parking lot and the sealing and restriping of Avery Park parking lot. They also resurfaced the walking trail in Weinand Park. Check out the completed work it looks great.

In the Police Department, officers Chris Volland and Ryan Parker have completed their training and will receive their certificates in Crisis Intervention at a banquet on October 6th. Lt. Dustyn Tienter and Lt. James Patton were in training for their CIT certificates the week of September 12, 2016. That brings the total number of Troy Police officers that are certified in Crisis Intervention to fifteen. Also, the department is looking forward to taking delivery of three new squad cars. They are due in from the dealer soon and then will be sent to Responder for equipment installation.

The Public Works Department spent the month on maintaining and repairing the collection system for the sewers. That entails pipes that cross creeks to make sure they are anchored properly, cleaning brush from around manholes so that they can be accessed, repaired/replaced manholes that had been damaged or knocked off, and raised five manholes that had been buried during high water events. These are just a few of the tasks that need to be done on an ongoing basis to maintain the collection system. A large repair along Fifth Street was completed by Mehler Excavation. They repaired two collapsed manholes and 392 feet of deficient 8" sewer line between the north end of 5th St. and Oak St. This line was compromised and letting in water to the system every time it rained and rain water is the worst enemy of our sewer plants.

There were 9 dogs at large calls during the month, 4 dogs were returned to their owners, 2 were taken by a rescue/adoption agency and there are still 3 dogs in the pound.

In the water department, they pumped 38,083,000 gallons of water during the month. The average daily usage was 1,228,000 and the maximum daily usage was on September 16th when they pumped 1,414,000 gallons. All

water samples submitted for testing came back absent from any contamination. This includes samples taken when the new connection was made and the new Troy South Middle School.

Sales tax deposits for September of 2016 were 6.47% more than deposits for September of 2015. The 1% Local Sales Tax was 6.07% higher, the ½% Transportation Tax was 6.03% higher and the ½% Capital improvement Tax was 6.12% higher. For the first quarter of the 2016-2017 fiscal year, our sales tax deposits are up by 2.18%. That is very good when you take into account that so many people are shopping online these days and almost all of those sales do not include sales tax that needs to continue to maintain all of the services that our citizens expect.

In the parks, we have finished the overlay of the parking lot and walking trail at Weinand Park. The walking path repair and the parking lot repair at Avery are complete. The new Memorial Bench was placed in Avery Park. Laura Harris, who donated the money with friends from work, is planning an event to dedicate the bench.

K Flynn Insurance has started cleaning up flower beds at Woods Fort Park. They are looking in to plaque designs. The City would like to thank K Flynn Insurance, whose employees volunteered to take over the care of the flower beds at Woods Fort Park. All designs/changes must be approved by the Parks Department. This program takes the responsibility of maintenance off of the park workers so that they can do other work without having to be concerned with the flower beds.

The lights are fixed on the soccer field.

As for the Aquatic Center, the cleaning and painting of the pool is complete and Midwest Pool has been out to winterize the facility. Done for another season, see you next year.

The upgrade to the City's telecommunications equipment/network and SIP bids are in and a decision on who will get the work will be made soon. Although the purchase of a firewall and several other pieces of equipment will need to be made, it appears the entire upgrade will be under-budget. Upon approval, the implementation target date is projected for the end of December. The upgrade will increase the efficiency of every department in the City, allowing for faster internet and better communications.

City Clerk Jodi Schneider and I attended the Missouri Municipal League Conference the week of September 12th. I know that we gain a lot of good information and training at these events so that we can better do our jobs, which improves the city. The networking with officials from other cities from around the state gives us a chance to see what they are doing and learn new ideas and better ways of doing a myriad of things.

That is it for this month. Enjoy the beginning of the fall season with the cooler temps and beautiful colors and I will be back next month with another update on what is going on in the City of Troy.

Be kind to one another and God bless you all.