

At the August Board of Aldermen meeting, the board approved several citizen requests. On the agenda were three walks - The Walk to End Alzheimer's and Claude Brown Elementary PTO 5K fundraiser on October 8, 2016 and Troy Middle School Fun Run to take place sometime in October or November.

Another item was the second annual Prayer in the Park multi church event will take place October 16, 2016. The final board approval was for a request for a citizen to keep a Pygmy Goat as a pet.

The board approved issuing a request for qualifications for real estate agent/services for the City's Industrial Ground located on Bueneman Lane. They also approved and authorized the mayor to enter into an engineering services agreement with Cochran Engineering for Whitetail Crossing lift station, not to exceed \$9,280.00.

After some discussion about the Cherry St. replacement project, the board reviewed four different options with their cost estimates and voted to approve the design that included a round-a-bout at the corner of E. Cherry St. and Wood St. The total cost estimate of that design is \$2,065,373.99. Cochran Engineering will now go to work on the full and final set of plans for the project.

K Flynn Insurance asked to be the sponsor for the flower beds in Woods Fort Park at the corner of Boone St. and Main St. They would, at their expense, maintain and plant the flower beds. For their efforts, they will be placing a small sign indicating their sponsorship. I personally think that is a great idea. The business can use the work in the parks as a team building experience, the parks take on a new fresh look and they will continue to look good throughout the year. If any other companies or groups would be interested in doing the same thing for another park, please contact the Parks and Recreation Director Ryan Howell for information.

The board discussed ordinances that would raise water and sewer rates. If these ordinances are approved the new rates would go into effect with October usage for November billing.

The Police Department met with the members of the Stone Bridge Homeowners Association to have better communications between the subdivision and the Police Department.

I would like to congratulate Sergeant Nick Brimager and his wife; they recently became the parents of a set of twins. That will keep them busy, I'm sure.

In the Water Department, we pumped a monthly (July) total of 37,982,000 gallons of water and the daily maximum was 1,406,000. All bacteriological samples were reported absent of any contamination. Ozark Applicators has completed the painting of the water tower over by the hospital. Take a look at the Trojan logo that was put on, very neat. There were several water main breaks took place and were repaired.

The never ending struggle to maintain and repair our sewer collection system continued this month. We are concentrating on keeping clean water out of the system by repairing broken pipes or fixing leaks, as well as informing citizens that it is a violation of City ordinance to hook your sump pump and/or downspouts into the sewer system. Please remember that clean water is the biggest enemy of our wastewater treatment plants.

Sales tax deposits for August of 2016 were 2.4% less than deposits for August of 2015. The 1% local sales tax was 2.46% lower, the ½% transportation tax was 2.52% lower and the ½% capital improvement

tax was 2.42% lower than August of 2015. Our sales tax deposits are down by .6% for the 2017 fiscal year as compared to the same period in FY 2016. The third month of each quarter is typically the largest deposit, so it will be interesting to see what September brings.

The accounting firm of Croghan and Croghan P.C. is in the process of an audit and preparation of financial statements for our 2016-2017 fiscal year. This is a long and exhausting process, but in the end it makes sure that the City is transparent in all of its expenditures during the past year.

The City would like to thank the Troy Rotary Club for the new sign in Fairgrounds Park. The new sign is a huge improvement over what was there previously.

That is all for this month. As usual, I ask that you all be kind to one another and be safe out there. God bless you all.