

I hope all of you enjoyed the Lincoln County Fair. For a change fair week wasn't the hottest week of the year. That came the week after. The city is pumping 1.8 million gallons of water a day during this hot spell which is not quite a record but we are pushing that way.

Our sales tax deposit for July was up 11.55% vs July of 2010 and last July was up 5.44% vs July of 2009. I am hoping that we are starting to see a positive trend provided the Federal government handles the debt ceiling crisis.

I mentioned last month that it was time to renew your dog tags again. During this past month we had 14 calls for dogs running loose in town and so far 5 of those dogs are still in the pound. If they had their tags they could be safely home with their families. The city is equipped to hold them for a short time and if no one claims them they will have to be euthanized and we really do not want to do that.

Effective July 1, 2011 the city has taken over running both of the waste water treatment plants from Alliance Water Resources. An analysis done by the Public Works Department show that the city could save a significant amount of money and so we terminated the contract.

The city has sold the bonds to build the aquatic center and do the first round of street repairs. We will break ground on the aquatic center sometime in September and you should see the street projects around the same time.

There are a couple of safety issues I need to touch on this month. First, it is very important and a city ordinance, that every home has their address prominently and visibly displayed. Emergency responders could be delayed in arriving at the scene of an emergency if they cannot find your house. Secondly, there has been some car break-ins in town recently and the biggest common denominator was that the vehicles were not locked. Please protect yourself and your valuables by locking your vehicle and keep valuable items out of sight.

Thank you, drink lots of water during the hot weather and I will talk to you next month.