

Well the month has finally arrived. The new Troy Aquatic Center is scheduled to open to the public on May 26th barring unforeseen circumstances. It seems like a long time ago that we first started the process of building a pool and yet in some ways the time has flown by quickly. Everywhere I go everyone wants to tell me how excited they are to “finally be getting a swimming pool in Troy”. “We needed something for the kids to do during the summer.” I am glad the city was able to get this project accomplished and I know the citizens will enjoy using it a lot. Pool passes are on sale at city hall and you can go online to find the prices for a variety of options and programs.

I would like to congratulate Aldermen Bass, Eversmeyer and Hagedorn on their reelection to the Board of Alderman. They were sworn in at the April 16th board meeting. I know that they along with the rest of the board and I will continue to work hard to the best job we can for the City of Troy.

The city and the Fire Dept. continue to do the annual fire hydrant testing. They will be posting signs in your neighborhood to give citizens advanced notice. Please use caution when traveling in these areas.

I would like to congratulate Ryan Peasel on successfully passing the DNR Waste Water Treatment test. Ryan now holds a Class D Waste Water license.

Sales tax deposits for April 2012 were down slightly from April 2011 by 3.15% but for the fiscal year we are ahead by 2%. The transportation tax was up 1.78% and is up 2.32% for the FY.

The Building Dept. issued 5 permits in March with a construction value of \$339,000. For the year there has been 47 permits issued with a construction value of \$9,122,460.00.

The City of Troy will contract to complete a National Register of Historic Places nomination for the downtown Troy Historic District. This contract between the City of Troy and the State of Missouri, Department of Natural Resources, commenced on March 23, 2012. The City of Troy is to submit a Request for Qualifications to at least three consultants. The contract between the City of Troy and the selected consultant should parallel the milestones set forth in the contract between the city and state. Per the milestones of the signed contract with the state and the city, the city is required to hold two public meetings to report progress in the agreement as well as to recap National Registry benefits.

The Planning and Zoning Commission approved the site plan for the Lincoln County R III School District’s Early Childhood Center to be located at 1601 & 1602 South Main Street.

The city has contracted with Shafer, Kline & Warren, Inc. to negotiate with the Missouri Dept. of Natural Resources for the new permit for the Southeast Wastewater Treatment Plant. SK&W did a fine job with the permit for the Hwy 47 plant and I know that they will do that again for the SEWW Treatment Plant.

Finally, the Board of Alderman listened to a presentation from Robert Henebry with Synergy Energy LLC on the possibility of adding some solar power to the new aquatic center. The

proposed solar array would produce 6700 KWH annually. The panels are manufactured in the USA. The initial cost to the city would be approximately \$13,000 including all incentives with a payback period of 16 years.

Have a great month of May, enjoy the new aquatic center and I will talk to again next month.

Mark A. Cross, Mayor