

As almost everyone knows, the new South Lincoln Dr. overpass has opened to traffic. A ribbon cutting took place on September 10th with all of the usual suspects in attendance unfortunately some of them actually spoke but didn't really say much. I am happy that the City and MoDOT have a very good working relationship so that we can get these types of projects done as smoothly as possible. It is my sincere desire that this overpass and service road will lead to some new economic development for the City. I spend a lot of time communicating with various entities trying to bring jobs to this community and a project like this will definitely help.

For those of you that live in the Bluff View Subdivision I hope that you are pleased with the results of the completion of Bluff View Dr. That is a project that has been on my list to fix almost from the beginning of my term and I am glad to see that it is finished and I think it turned out very nice. Now the City is working on the bidding process for the next round of asphalt streets repairs. I believe there are eight streets on the list and they will probably resurfaced next spring.

The City would like to welcome three new officers to the Police force. Brandon Jett, Ryan Parker and Chris Hollingsworth all three are replacing officers that left and they started over the last couple of weeks. Also, on September 10th the City recognized Patrolman Charles Smith's retirement after more than 21 years of service. We wish Officer Smith a long and wonderful retirement. I would also like to let you know that the Troy Police Dept. has a Facebook page so check it out and please "Like us on Facebook".

Sales tax revenue for September 2013 was down approximately 16.5% compared to 2012 but since we were ahead last month we are ahead for the first quarter of the fiscal year by 2%. The same is true for the transportation tax and the capital improvement tax.

The participation in the Nixle Citizen Alert System was approved by the Board of Alderman. The City will be joining with Lincoln County Fire Protection Dist. #1, Lincoln County Health Dept., Lincoln County Sheriff's Dept., and the Lincoln County Emergency Management Dept. to bring this much needed service to our area. Citizens will be encouraged to participate on the City's website and through messages on their utility bills.

The Board of Alderman voted to approve the voluntary annexation of the property owned by Witte West Properties and WP II on Mennemeyer Road and then at the request of the owner the Board approved the rezoning of the property to I-1, light industrial.

Another item approved by the board was an amendment to the ordinance for sewer fees. Added was subsection F which states: One-time per calendar year sewer credit adjustment for filling a swimming pool. A onetime per calendar year sewer credit adjustment for filling a pool shall be allowed upon the user notifying the City Water Department of the address, pool filling date and gallons used. The credit adjustment will be issued after a meter reading verification of the gallons used and will be based on the calculation of the higher usage minus average usage. Notification must be made during the period of the billing cycle when the water is used or no credit will be given.

That is it for this month. As of today fall weather has arrived so get out and enjoy. There will be many festivals and activities taking place during this time of year so get out and experience what your community has to offer. Be safe out there and I will see you next month. God bless you all.