

On August 19, 2013 the City of Troy held a public hearing for citizen comments on the voluntary annexation by Witte Bros. West Properties 30.9 acres on the east side of Mennemeyer Rd. In addition, Witte Bros. West Properties is requesting a rezoning of two properties on Mennemeyer Rd. totaling 85.4 acres from R-1 residential to I-1 Light Industrial. This was the second of two public hearings as required and having heard no objections the Board of Alderman will vote at their regularly scheduled meeting on September 16th on the two questions. At this time I see no reason why the Board would not vote in favor of these items.

At the August 19th meeting the Board voted to authorized the hiring of Cochran Engineering to do the engineering to bring a water main from the west side to the east side of Hwy 61. This will allow the City to apply for a permit from MoDNR to run the waterline any time during the two years after receiving the permit. With the completion of the S. Lincoln Dr. overpass the Board feels that the opportunity for development has increased and they want to be ready. A sewer line is already being designed so when the opportunity arises we will be ready to go.

The repairs to the levee for the pond in Fairgrounds Park appear to have stopped the leak. After pouring a slurry of concrete into the voids that were found the pond has filled sufficiently to determine that the leaks have stopped. This will also help with the water that was standing down by fields #3 and #4. This was sort of a seek and ye shall find project but we are glad that it is finally complete.

The Board of Alderman chose Johnson Controls as its partner for an Energy Performance Master Plan. The idea is to develop ways to improve energy efficiency at the two WWT Plants so that the funds saved from those improvements can be used to make repairs and improvements to the plants with no additional monies spent. The City now must negotiate a contract with Johnson Controls before the work can begin.

The U.S. Army surplus has donated a second Humvee to the City of Troy. They will be of value during heavy snow this winter as well as warrant arrests, drug investigations and tactical situations. In addition to the vehicles the Army donated five rifle scopes and back packs for the Tactical Unit.

In the past several weeks several people were arrested during car break ins on the night shift. At the end of the investigation two adults and three juveniles were arrested for the break ins. At the same time two subjects were arrested in the act of stealing lawn ornaments along Boone St.

Sales tax deposits for August were up dramatically as compared to last year so that after the first two months of the new fiscal year deposits are ahead by approximately 21%.

The City again entered into a cooperative agreement with the Lincoln County Collector for the purpose of collecting City Property and Personal Property taxes. Also, the city will maintain the 15 cent tax rollback on both property and personal property for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. This is the third year of the rollback that was promised when the voters approved the Capitol Improvement tax to build the Aquatic Center and funds for street and sewer repair in June 2011.

By now the complete rebuild of Bluff View Dr. should be complete and we continue with repairs on Hickory Dr. Later in this fiscal year we will work on a list of asphalt street that need repair. Some of those include Trail and Blair Aves., Buchanan Court and Friendship Ct. among others. Then of course engineering is under way for the complete rebuild of Cherry Blossom Way.

The Aquatic Center closed its second season as of Labor Day. Attendance was down due to the cooler than usual temperatures and early on all of the storms but it will be back next year and ready to go.

That's it for this month, pray for some rain, be safe out there and I will see you next month. God bless you all.