

The Board of Alderman met on February 21, 2018 and took the following actions; with the board being short two Alderman, some items on the agenda needed to pass unanimously in order to pass; especially ordinances.

Melissa Moody, from Mike's Tech Spot, 460 Main Street, made a request for the Downtown Troy Business Association to hold "Rock the Block". The board approved the St. Patrick's Day date.

Marvin and Debbie Lindemann and Tyler Hudson and Brad Lindemann, 266 Country Creek Dr., were approved to hook on the Troy City water line on Linns Mill Road and Fieth Road.

Sarah McCasland, 150 Creech Street, was granted permission to have chickens at her property and the board will be looking at amending the current ordinance to bring it more up to date.

The Chamber of Commerce requested a onetime change in the date for the August car show. The car show for this year will be August 11<sup>th</sup> because the Oldsmobile Club that helps run the show and does the judging had an important event the weekend that normally host the show. The request was granted.

The Board considered four proposed ordinances pertaining to utility vehicles, recreational off-highway vehicles etc. All the proposed ordinances passed with at three to one. Unfortunately, they needed to be unanimous to become ordinances, so they all failed.

The Board approved change order #2 submitted by M&H concrete Contractors on the 2017 Slab Replacement Program for a decrease in adjustment to quantities in the amount of -\$31,724.70 and approved a final pay request #4 in the amount of \$25,784.06.

The Board approved Tom Castor, from Alternate to Regular Member of Board of Adjustment and Fred Layton from Regular to Alternate member of Board of Adjustment. The approved the appointment of Kevin Bishop and DeeAnn Aydelott for another two-year term on the Historic Preservation Commission. Finally, they approved Patrick Lacey's appointment to the Park Board.

Approved the Mayor to sign a lease with Community Opportunities on the Kiwanis Park Project.

There was a discussion of a 911 Sales Tax Proposal. This would eliminate the current system of the municipalities paying higher and higher user fees to fund the dispatch system and would replace the tax on land lines because of the increasing use of cellular phones.

Authorized the Mayor to draft an amendment to the Sanitary Sewer Extension Construction Contract to allow for a partial payment from the City to Cannon Properties, Inc. in an amount to be determined by the board due to delays in permitting from the Missouri Department of Natural resources.

In the Police Department – The FBI National Academy is an elite training opportunity for an officer with the rank of Lieutenant or above. 225 Law enforcement officers from around the country and 25 officers from outside the U.S. will attend a special ten-week course in Quantico, Virginia. Less than 1% of departments in the U.S. get picked to attend this course; we were notified several weeks ago that Major Raymond Floyd was accepted to take advantage of this opportunity. All expenses are paid. He will leave July 7<sup>th</sup> and graduate with up to 19 units of college credit on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018. All this training will prepare Major Floyd for the day that he becomes a Police Chief, whether that is here in Troy when Chief Taylor retires or somewhere else.

Public Works – fixing potholes is a constant battle this time of year, it is almost impossible to put material in the potholes and keep it there with the constant freezing and thawing of the roads. We have purchased another 300 tons of salt for the streets and used up 43 tons on the most recent weather event. We have done a yeoman's effort to keep the catch basins open, so that when the snow melts the water can be carried away to the storm sewer.

All the tornado sirens were tested on February 6, 2018 and all are working properly.

33,633,000 gallons of water were pumped during the month of January with a daily average of 1,085,000 gallons per day and a maximum of 1,246,000 gallons were pumped on the 19<sup>th</sup>. In the water billing department, the city has begun a program of calling all past due customers to remind them that their payment is due to keep them from being shut off and incurring more fees. This has resulted in a 25% drop in the number of delinquent shutoffs in each of the first two months of 2018.

In the wastewater collection system, they brush hogged 2,529' of ROW, marked flow lines on 10 manholes, jetted 878' of sewer main, camera'd 1,015' of sewer main and inspected 42 manholes. They made several additions and corrections to the map of the system and fixed 2 broken rings. Finally, they identified all the businesses in town of a requirement that they have grease traps in order to keep the grease out of the collection system and away from the treatment plants. There is an ordinance requiring a grease trap and gives the city the right to inspect that the trap is being maintained properly and on a regular basis. We will be requesting proof of maintenance on a regular basis.

At the wastewater treatment facilities, Fabick Power Systems performed level 2 inspections and maintenance on the generators at the plants and the lift stations. Everything should be on track to start the Whitetail Liftstation Expansion Project on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Because of the extreme cold this winter we only processed three new residential housing permits in the month of February bringing our total for the FY to 43 total new housing starts.

Sales tax deposits for February of 2018 were 2.66% less than deposits for February of 2017. The 1% Local Sales tax was 1.90% lower, the ½% Transportation Tax was 4.94% lower and the ½% Capital Improvement Tax was 1.91% lower than February 2017. February's deposits would be for December's collections. For the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year, our sales tax receipts are up by 1.10% as compared to the same period in FY2017. Preparations are underway to start work on the next FY budget. All department heads are required to have their annual projections in for review by April 1<sup>st</sup>. All 2017 1099's have been produced and mailed to the City's vendors and mailed the original to the Internal Revenue Service. Copies of the 1099's were sent to the State of Missouri before the end of February.

Parks Department – with multiple repairs and maintenance needing to be done at the pool, the Park Board raised non-resident rates \$1.00. In 2017 we had 14,851 non-resident pool admissions. This will increase the non-resident rates to \$4.00 for kids and seniors and \$5.00 for adults. We got our 2018 Food Establishment Permit from the Lincoln County Health Department. The pump the wastewater department hooked up for us in the pond is working great. Even with the extremely wintry weather we had the past couple of weeks, we still had open water for all our feathered friends.

City Clerk Jodi Schneider and I attended the Missouri Municipal League Legislative Conference in Jefferson City February 12 – 14, 2018. We heard presentations on various pieces of legislation from

revising Prevailing Wage, the transportation funding challenge, and voter ID and elections. In addition, we had some very productive meetings with Senator Jeannie Riddle and Rep. Randy Pietzman, as well as Keri Stuart from Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer's office. We spoke with Ms. Stuart about how we begin the process for getting a new post office in Troy. She promised to send us everything we need to begin that process. One thing I know for sure is that it will take a while, but the longest journey begins with the first step. At that same conference, I met with Representative Pietzman and Senator Jeannie Riddle for about three hours and discussed a variety of topics that pertain to Troy. Topics we discussed range from the Hwy 47 overpass, economic development, 911/dispatching fees, infrastructure costs and needs and more. They were very receptive to our comments and concerns and pledged to do all that they could to help us in Jefferson City.

That is about it for this month. Remember to be kind to one another and be safe out there. God bless you all!