

The Board of Alderman met on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and took the following action;

The meeting started with Dan Casey, fire chief, Lincoln County Fire Protection District No. 1, 700 E. Cherry St. introducing himself to the board. Chief Casey expressed his desire to work with the City in a spirit of cooperation to best serve the taxpayers of the area.

Next the Board of Alderman adopted a series of six ordinances having to do with storm water requirements mandated by the State of Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the Environmental Protection Agency for communities of 10,000 or more in population. These ordinances are part of a five-year plan laid out and agreed to by the City of Troy and MoDNR and the EPA.

The Board approved rescheduling the third Monday of February regular board meeting to Thursday, February 21, 2019 due to the Presidents Day holiday.

They approved pay applications #2 and #3 in the amounts of \$69,339.38 and \$5,342.00 submitted by Karrenbrock Excavating, LLC on the Whitetail Crossing Lift Station Improvement Project #M16-7299.

They accepted the resignation of Joan Bowen from the Historic Preservation Commission. Joan was a valuable member of this commission and will be missed. The City of Troy and I personally, would like to thank her for her service to the community. Joan moved to Troy a few years ago and had been actively involved in a variety of activities from the library committee to the Lincoln County Republican Club to the Historic Preservation Commission and the Planning and Zoning Commission. We are looking for a volunteer to serve on the commission to fill Joan's seat.

Mary Anne Kemper was re-appointed to the Historic Preservation Commission for the term beginning February 2019 and expiring February 2023.

The board approved the appointment of Larry Bennett to the Board of Adjustment.

The board approved and authorized the Mayor to sign 2019 Authorization for Troy Police Department to participate in Missouri's Highway Safety Program for Traffic enforcement.

The Mayor was authorized to sign contracts with Marco Technologies Copier for the Public Works Dept., also, approved the purchase, installation and support for Hewlett Packard DesignJet T2530 Plotter in the amount of \$10,582.48 and its accompanying budget amendment utilizing the State Bid Contract.

Approved a request by Bodine Aluminum regarding Ameren electric pole encroachment on city's easement.

Approved a home occupation permit/business license for Valkyrie Polishes LLC at 212 Excalibur Blvd., Troy.

Approved and authorized the Mayor to sign a cleaning services agreement based on lowest and best bid with Gateway Janitorial Services for cleaning Troy City Hall (Administration, Building and Police Departments).

Approved and authorized the Mayor to sign Midwest Pool Management of America LLC Aquatic Center Management agreement.

The Board discussed giving the City Administrator or, in the absence of a City Administrator, the Mayor the authority to approve hiring personnel based on the recommendation of the Department Head.

Approved Record Plat 3 for Stone Crossing and Cannon General Contractors, Inc. Performance Bond in the amount of \$10,000.00 to cover a 44-foot section of the street.

In the Police Department; we would like to congratulate officer Chris Volland who will, in the next couple of weeks, be assigned to the Troy PD Detective Bureau. Officer Volland will fill the slot created by the return of Detective Roger Taylor to patrol duty. Congratulations to Patrol Officer Chad McCallister to Canine Officer duty. Officer McCallister replaces Officer Sean Brown who left the department. Finally, we would like to welcome two new Patrol officers to the Troy PD. Patrol Officer Andy Kaimann, whose prior experience was with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, and Patrol Officer Tyler Schmieg, who comes to us from the St. Ann Police Department.

In Public Works, in addition to doing the best we can, we are filling pot holes and keeping the catch basins clean. During the most recent snow storm, the snow removal crews did an excellent job of keeping the streets clear despite getting 16" of snow dumped on the streets. They used about 85 tons of salt to try and keep the streets clear after moving the snow. They even hauled snow away in trucks from downtown Main St. in order to allow traffic to flow and still have places for shoppers to park while shopping downtown.

The Water Dept. reported that during the month of December they pumped 32,266,000 gallons of water with January 3<sup>rd</sup> being the busiest days, pumping 1,242,000 gallons. During January well #11 burned up its motor which had to be replaced and is now working more efficiently.

The tornado sirens were tested on January 2<sup>nd</sup> and all eight sirens were working properly.

There were several sewer backups in the last month. Some were due to issues with the property owners lateral and a couple were on the city's line so there were taken care of by the city. At the same time, we camera checked 8237 feet of sewer main and cleaned four manholes. Finally, the department physically walked creeks to check crossings for debris that might cause backups.

Woodard and Curran have taken over the day to day operations of the City's two wastewater facilities. They did an initial safety audit of all facilities. The Audit revealed 135 findings that will require corrective actions. They will begin to correct these findings immediately and work to ensure completion of these tasks. Some safety audit items require the work of a licensed electrician. Woodard and Curran announced that a local electric company based out of Troy, MO (Global Tech Power) has been hired on to make those electrical repairs which were expected to be made throughout January. Finally, several safety training classes and events have already been scheduled for all employees so that they are able to obtain confidence and proper training in all work-related tasks.

The Treasurer reports that sales tax deposits for January of 2019 were down by 8.39% as compared to January of 2018. The 1% Local Sales Tax was 8.65% less, the ½ % Transportation Tax was 7.88% less and the ½ % Capital Improvement Tax was 8.65% less than January of 2018. January's deposits would be for November's collections. For the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year our sales tax receipts are still up by 3.48% compared to the previous fiscal year.

We are happy to report that sales taxes, cigarette taxes, franchises taxes and fines and court costs are all ahead of budget. Interest revenue has already exceeded budgeted figures by 2 times, with 6 months of the fiscal year remaining. User fees for water and sewer are on target. Building fees and water and sewer connections, however, are below budgeted projections.

In the Building Department we have sold 26 permits for new housing starts which is 45% of the 57 that we budgeted for this fiscal year. All permits combined, 75 in total, have a valuation of \$3,827,192.00.

In the Parks Department, I am happy to report that the Kiwanis Park project is moving ahead. The cooperation of the Kiwanis Club, Community Opportuning and the City of Troy as resulted in a \$250,000.00 grant from the State of Missouri. That money will be used to buy playground equipment for the ALL INCLUSIVE playground that will be built on a seven-acre section of the 28-acre park. In addition, a second grant is being applied for that will allow the construction of a 4560-foot-long and 8-foot wide hard-surface walking trail with exercise stations along the trail. When this park is complete, it will be unlike any other park that the city has in its system. I will keep you posted on the progress.

In the Administrative Department, candidate filing for the April 2<sup>th</sup> election has ended. In Ward I incumbent Alderman Ron Sconce is running against Harold Horner. In Ward II Alderman Lisa Anderson is running unopposed and in Ward III Alderman Dennis Detert is running unopposed.

I would like to thank Marie and Bridget for working hard to keep the front office running smoothly while the Utility Clerk position has been open. I would also like to thank the citizens that were patient during this process. Trust me it is nice to have that cooperation, and the ladies thank those folks too.

Finally, the City has been awarded a \$291,872.81 grant to build a sidewalk along Villa Dr. from the apartments at the top of the hill behind Aldi to Hwy 47, and the installation of a lighted crosswalk to allow people to safely cross Hwy 47 at Walmart. I would also like to thank the Lincoln County Commissioners for their financial assistance, which I know helped us secure the grant. Total cost of the project is \$389,163.75. Design work will be done during 2019 and construction will be during 2020. We have been working to get this crosswalk for quite some time, so it's exciting to see the hard work come to fruition.

That is all that I have for this month. Be careful out there as winter continues, take your time and watch out for the other guy and above all be kind to one another. God bless you all.