

The Board of Alderman met on March 18, 2019 and took the following actions:

The BOA approved the Lincoln County Historical Society Cemetery Tour Thursday, June 6, 2019 with a rain date of Thursday, June 13, 2019 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Approved a liquor license for the HoneyBadger Grill, LLC, 10 Oakley Plaza.

Approved Courtney Lenk to Historic Preservation Commission. The city thanks Courtney for volunteering and we look forward to her being a hard-working member for the HPC.

Approved Site Plan Review and commercial Building Permit for new office and building expansion to be located at 1112 East Cherry Street requested by Jared Wilson, Cole & Associates, applicant on behalf of Cuivre River Electric Cooperative as recommended by Planning and Zoning.

Jim Sharp, Lincoln County Emergency Management Director, introduced himself and made a presentation to the board on the 2019 Spring Flooding Outlook.

Cheri Winchester, on behalf of the Key Youth Center, requested an easement across a city alleyway for a water line from Lincoln County Fire Department to the Youth Center at 705 E. Cherry St. The board approved the request.

Discussed and Approved a request for repairs at the Hwy 47 Wastewater Treatment Plant by Jared Comer, of Woodard and Curran.

The board discussed an amendment to Section 600.035 to give notice to school and/or church on liquor license exemptions, especially for shopping center locations.

Discussed a board workshop of Long-Range City Planning for Water, Sewer and annexation. This would have an outside agency evaluate the City's current positions on these issues and give guidance on what the City should do going forward to have organized growth planning, etc.

In the Police Dept., paperwork has been completed and sent to the Department of Defense for 200 rounds of ammunition for each officer in the Troy PD. This is done annually, and the ammunition is used for practice at the range throughout the year. The ammunition is provided free of charge.

In 2018 the Police Department received 16,944 calls for service. As of March 3, 2019, we have received 2,475 calls for service which is an increase of 230 calls from the same time last year.

The Chief and Police Clerk Ann Williams are performing a complete inventory of the evidence room. This process will take several weeks. After the inventory is finished, Ann Williams will become the civilian evidence officer by the end of the year.

In Public Works, 8 tons of asphalt was used in pothole patching and repairs. Once the weather warms and the asphalt plant opens for the season, more permanent repairs can be made.

In the month of March, we used 12 tons of salt on city streets and had to replace 15 street signs that were knocked down due to the snow.

For the month of February, we pumped 31,630,000 gallons of water with a daily maximum of 1,430,000 gallons on Feb 24th. All bacteriological samples were reported absent of any contamination.

Maintenance was done on well #8. During that check, it was discovered that it was pulling high amps. The motor, pump and 19 sections of pipe had to be replaced. It had been about seven years since any major work had been done on the pump.

Our monthly check of the tornado sirens showed two that needed some maintenance which was completed the week of March 11th.

Wastewater operations met several challenges, as we experienced high flow events from the rain and the melting snow. In the coming weeks, we will be working to address concerns of I&I and grease issues in the trunk line leading to the old plant.

During the month of February, the White Tail Crossing Lift Station storage tanks were put into service. With a few adjustments, the storage is helping to prolong run times to our pumps plus adding emergency storage through high flow events.

The wastewater department would like to welcome Jordan Haworth who joined the team in February, filling the last vacancy we had in the sewer department. Jordan has a wastewater D license and is a welcome addition to the team.

In the building department, we had ten new housing starts in the month of February. This puts us at forty-one new housing starts YTD.

A new option to receive an emailed utility bill is nearing completion as utility bill templates are being drafted and completed. The residential/commercial utility applications have been drafted to allow voluntary participation in the program and requests an email address to accomplish. The City will market the new service to residents once completed/tested through its website, Nixle and Facebook page.

The City Clerk and the Deputy City Clerk attended the Spring Institute City Clerk conference. The training topics included Communication, Leadership, Customer Service, Worker's Compensation Fraud, Storage and Archiving, Workplace Violence Prevention, 1st Amendment Auditing and Budgeting.

That is all I have for this month. Remember to be careful out there and above all, watch out for the kids playing outside now that it is warming up. Be kind to each other and God Bless you all.