

The Board of Alderman met on July 15th and took the following action;

The board passed several ordinances at this meeting dealing with food trucks, the salary schedule for the city's employees, codifying City ordinances with State statutes, adjusting certain fees for Planning and Zoning and the Board of Adjustment. The food truck ordinances are 1276 and 1277 for those of you that want additional information. The ordinances that adjust fees for Planning and Zoning and Board of Adjustment were to recover costs that the City incurs for newspaper ads, postage, etc. so the City doesn't lose money when someone is requesting a public hearing and/or a variance.

The board accepted the resignation of Kelsey Baker from the Park Board. The City would like to thank Kelsey for volunteering to serve on the Park Board. With her resignation, we now have an opening on the board and if you are interested in volunteering to serve, please contact Parks Director Ryan Howell at 636-528-4712.

The board approved change order #1 on Third Street Water Main Relocation Project submitted by Wehmeyer Farms, Inc. to add another sixty feet for water main bore in the amount of \$4,200.00.

The board approved pay application #1 on Third Street Water Main Relocation Project submitted by Wehmeyer Farms, Inc. in the amount of \$151,596.25.

The board approved and authorized the Mayor to sign the second modification of Contract for Extension of Residential Solid Waste Collection Services License Agreement Between Meridian Waste Missouri, LLC and the City of Troy, Missouri.

In the Police Department, they want to make everyone aware of a new law which went into effect. On all Felony arrests, the suspects will be released pending a summons or warrant unless we show cause that they are a danger to the community or a flight risk, then we will be able to hold them. For example, a few weeks ago, a suspect stole brand new appliances from a house under construction in Stonebridge subdivision. After an investigation by the detective bureau, an arrest was made, and the subject was interviewed at which time we had to release him pending a warrant or summons. The detective bureau was able to locate the stolen items and return them to the owner.

In the Public Works Dept., now that the weather has warmed up and dried out, they are out making street repairs, as well as other projects that were slowed due to the weather. They used 16 tons of asphalt and 66 cubic yards of concrete doing those repairs. The Water Dept. pumped 37,811,000 gallons of water in June with a daily maximum of 1,394,000 gallons on June 1st. The sewer maintenance crew continued mapping the system, brush hogged 1,217 feet of ROW, camera checked 127 feet of storm sewer line and 273 feet of sanitary sewer line. In addition, they gave information packets to business's regarding the changes in the grease trap ordinances. All the warning sirens were tested on 7/2/19 and all were in good working order. We will be continuing the upgrading of the sirens during the new fiscal year.

The Wastewater Dept. reports that an equalization pipe at the Hwy 47 treatment plant did get clogged with grease, grit and rags. The basin had to be pumped down to clear away almost 12 feet of grease in the bottom of the basin to clear the pipe. The new Fats, Oil and Grease (FOG) ordinance should help this issue tremendously. A day later, a return line became clogged. It was jetted and cleaned out. A bar screen that goes in the MBR headworks to catch the initial flow was missing. The bar screen was

reinstalled and within the first day had collected a full barrel of rags. This should improve the overall process at the MBR by keeping debris out of the membrane basins.

Sales tax deposits for July of 2019 were 8.75% lower than deposits for July of 2018. The 1% Local Sales Tax was 8.83% lower, the ½% Transportation Tax was 8.47% lower and the ½% Capital Improvement's Tax was 8.85% lower than July of 2018. The 2018-2019 Fiscal Year financial report has been completed and the six-month report was published in the July 30th issue of the Lincoln County Journal as required by state statute.

In the Building Dept., there were ten new housing starts during the month of June, which brought the total for the fiscal year to 83 with a total valuation for the FY of \$16,080,254.00. The total number of permits issued, commercial and residential was 176 with a total valuation of \$35,746,930.00.

There are three good sized building projects going on in Troy now. One, the new Dollar Tree store is being built along side of Aldi's, which caused the demolition of the old Ponderosa building. Two, the new headquarters building for Cuivre River Electric Co-op. Three, Peoples Bank and Trust will be expanding their main banking facility on Wood St. by adding a third floor to a portion of their building.

The Parks Dept. reports that they continue to repair vandalism in Fairgrounds Park restrooms, someone spray painted the walls and clogged the toilets. We could use the help of the general public, so if you see someone that you suspect of vandalizing the restrooms, please call the Police or City Hall. If we can catch these hooligans in the act, we might be able to put a stop to these expensive repairs. A tree trimming project has begun in Weinand Park. We are trimming all trees and cutting down trees that are dying. A recent storm blew down a very large tree in Avery Park. With the help of the Public works department, the tree was removed quickly. Thanks to the Public Works guys for pitching in to help with the removal; it was a true team effort.

Kiwanis Park contractor meetings have started. Community Opportunities, Hutchinson Recreation and Cannon have had a few meetings and we are getting a timeline together and picking out playground accessories.

In the Administrative Dept., policies have been developed with the Municipal Court judge and the Police Dept. about the new metal detector for court and Board meetings. The City's Conflict of Interest ordinance is set to expire in September and will be reviewed and set for the August Board of Alderman meeting for approval.

A test run of emailed utility bills has occurred and has been working well. Social media marketing/education will begin to enlist more citizen interest in receipt of emailed utility billing. The annual Department of Natural Resources primacy fee for water of \$2.76 has been added to July bills for collection, with remittance in September to that agency.

On Saturday, August 10th the Board of Alderman will hold a workshop on Economic Development. Topics to be covered include, the importance of having a defined and consistently applied economic development policy, review existing economic development vision, goals and plans, study what economic development tools are available and how to use them, discuss other opportunities for financial growth, an analysis of current development situation, create a shared vision of successful development over the next 3-5 years, develop and prioritize goals to achieve the vision and create a short-term economic development action plan. I want to thank all the Alderman and City Clerk Jodi

Schneider for volunteering to give up a Saturday to learn more about this very important topic. I will report next month on how the workshop went.

We continue to obtain signatures from property owners along Cherry St. for easements and right-of-way that are needed to begin work on rebuilding Cherry St., the sidewalks and the stormwater system to improve drainage. I would like to see us go out for bid on this very important project by the end of this calendar year so we can begin construction next spring.

I think that is it for now. Be kind to one another and God bless you all.