

The Board of Aldermen met on March 20, 2017 and took the following action;

They approved the 5K Alzheimer Run/Walk at Troy Middle School on City Streets in October of 2017; approved a 5K Run Event on September 9th for the Cub Scouts; approved 5k Run event in June 2017 for Lincoln County council on Aging.

Mr. Andrew Harvey requested a sewer tap for his mobile home that is located in PSWD #2. Regretfully, the board was not able to grant Mr. Harvey's request since he does not live in the city limits of Troy.

Mary Kay Kunza, President of the Troy Area Chamber of Commerce, addressed the BOA to inform them of the resignation of Kerry Klump as Director. Mrs. Kunza also advised that Mikayla Tillman has been named the Interim Director while they search for a permanent replacement.

A single bid was offered again this year to run the concession stands for the 2017 park season. The bid was awarded to Team Elite Boosters who will pay the city 13% of their gross proceeds and the Mayor is authorized to enter into a contract.

Judy Hechler was approved and reappointed to the Historic Preservation Commission. The BOA also accepted the resignations for Jennifer Ellison and Vickie Hopkins. I would like to thank Mrs. Ellison and Ms. Hopkins for volunteering to serve and for their dedication to the Historic Downtown area of Troy. They will be missed.

The Mayor was authorized to sign an engineering services contract for a boundary survey on the Crooked Creek Park Project submitted by Cochran Engineering in the amount of \$2,223.00.

The board awarded the LED lighting Project to Henergy LED Lighting as best qualified bid based on evaluation criteria listed in the Request for Proposal and to authorize the Mayor to negotiate a contract.

It was also discussed and approved for City Attorney Jesse Granneman to concurrently represent the City of Troy and Lincoln County Health Department in "Care Track," an elderly tracking system project. The board approved payment by the City of Troy to Care track for supplies from Grant Funds received by Toyota-Bodine Aluminum in the amount of \$4,815.00

The board discussed an approval process for 5K-10K run/walk events utilizing city streets and parks. Alderman Eversmeyer will look into developing that process.

In the Police Department, Detectives Roger Mauzy, Roger Taylor and Tony Stewart have received their Major Case Training update for the Greater St. Louis Major Case Unit. This training allows them to serve on the Major Case Squad in the event there is a need for that unit in our area. We hope that they never have to use this training.

The city recently purchased two used K-9 unit vehicles from the Missouri Highway Patrol. These vehicles were built for this purpose, as opposed to what the K-9 units had been using – adapted old police cars. Once we get them outfitted with Troy logos and equipment, they will be on the street for everyone to see. They are designed with maximizing the use of the dog in its duties.

In the Water Department, Well #9 has been repaired with a new pump and fourteen new sections of pipe and is functioning at maximum capacity again. The repairs increase output by 100 gallons per minute to 250 gallons per minute.

In the Public Works Department, during routine inspections of the waste water collection system we discovered nine manholes that had been buried over the years. We then dug them out and raised seven of them so that when it rains they don't take in any rain water. Believe it or not, clean water is the enemy of the wastewater treatment plant. The bugs that work in the plant to break down the wastewater will die if they are exposed to clean water. So if you or someone you know has their sump pump or downspouts draining into the sanitary sewer system, please disconnect them. There is an ordinance again that. As we find and raise these manholes, we are recording their location so that we will have an accurate map of the collection system. In the event of a major catastrophe where there would be lots of debris, we would be able to find important parts of the infrastructure system. When Joplin had the tornado several years ago, they had not done this and they had some difficult situations trying to locate everything.

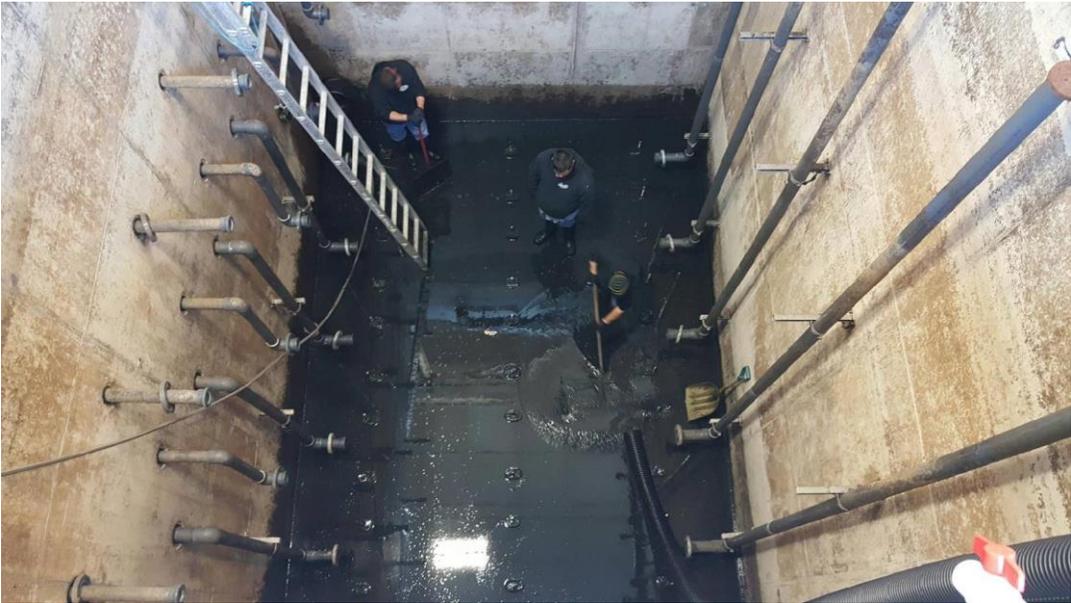
On March 7th we had a city wide tornado drill. All eight of our sirens were tested and all eight are working properly.

In the Wastewater Treatment Department, the crew is removing the old membranes from basins three and four so that they can be cleaned, equipment repaired and new membranes installed. Once that process is complete the plant will operate more efficiently. We are only replacing the membranes in two of the four tanks and those membranes cost just under \$200,000.00. I have included a few pictures to help everyone better understand.

This is MBR Basin #3 when it was still operating



The next two pictures were taken after the equipment was removed and toward the end of cleaning MBR Basin #3



This picture shows a clean MBR basin #3



The Building Department reports that they issued ten permits for new housing starts during the month of March. They had projected that we would issue 42 for the entire fiscal year and through March we have issued 52 – with three months left in this fiscal year. So feel like I can safely say Troy is growing again.

Sales tax deposits for March of 2017 were 6.15% less than deposits for March of 2016. The 1% Local Sales Tax was 6.06% less, the ½% Transportation Tax was 6.44% less and the ½% Capital Improvement tax was 6.05% less than 2016. With three quarters of the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year behind us, our sales tax deposits are up by 1.13% over the same period in FY 2016.

Budget worksheets were distributed via email to all department heads on February 28, 2017 with a return deadline of April 1st. Linda Flinn has been working on expenditure projections to year-end and laying the groundwork for the preparation of the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget.

In the Parks Department, they are working with Ameren on basketball light repair with a goal of having all of the lights on a timer so that they go off when the park is closed. Troy Buchanan High School donated outfield top cap from their fields after they purchased new ones. This is the yellow cap that goes over the outfield fence. Most of it is in decent shape, and we will work on getting it on the fence in the next couple of weeks.

Most of the landscaping bushes inside the pool area are being removed. They never did take off the way they should have. The plan is to put down sod as a replacement.

In the Administrative Department, City Clerk Jodi Schneider and Assistant City Clerk Tonya Hawkins attended Spring Institute for the Missouri City Clerks and Finance Officers Association. The training was technical and informative and will be applied in the areas of FLSA Standards, contract bidding, records management, fraud internal controls, harassment training, MML Legislative updates, minutes and agendas and Alcohol and Tobacco control. It is invaluable, and we were glad they took advantage of the opportunity to take the training with the approval of the Board of Alderman.

That is it for this month. My apologies for the message being late, but things have been a little crazy around here. I promise to get the next message out in a timelier manner. In the meantime, be kind to one another and God bless you all.