

The Board of Aldermen met on Monday July 17, 2017 and took the following action:

The board approved a conditional use permit for a “Temporary Vehicle Sales Event” to be in the Walmart parking lot at 101 Highway 47 East submitted by John Pace, applicant on behalf of Jim Trenary Ford as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

They approved a site plan revision by Jennifer McNeil, applicant, for Lot 122 Second Street with the following condition: parking must be a minimum of 12 feet from the Second Street property line as recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission.

They appointed Joan Bowen and Sherry Frankenhauser the Historic Preservation Commission. The city would like to thank them for volunteering their time.

Approve revisions to Title/Job Description: Deputy City Clerk/Human Resources Generalist.

Approved and authorized the Mayor to sign disclosure letter that D.A. Davidson has been engaged as a Private Placement Agent, not Financial Advisor, in connection with the issuance of Refunding Certificates of Participation, series 2017 Pursuant to MSRB Rules G17 and G23.

Approved and authorized the mayor to sign Incode Court—Online Record Search Subscription Agreement with Tyler Technologies in the annual amount of \$2,750.00.

Approved and Authorized the Mayor to sign agreements with the Standard to Serve as Record Keeper for City’s 457 Deferred Compensation Plan as recommended by Retirement Plan Advisors.

Approve Application for Payment No. 1 submitted by Wehmeyer Farms, Inc. for Harris Street and Hwy 47/Carrington Water Main Replacement M16-7269/M16-7318 in the amount of \$71,725.00.

There were three people who spoke, two citizens of Troy and one from Ellisville, MO, requesting the repeal of the City’s ordinance banning Pit Bull dogs inside the city limits.

Larry Anderson, Lincoln Home Sales LLC, 201 Spring Church Road, requested the city to reimburse for sewer back-up damages upon denial by the City’s insurance company. The Board of Alderman did not reverse the insurance company’s decision.

Chief Taylor reported that, in reference to fireworks, this year was the worst year for firework complaints in 27 years. The Officers ran from call to call, and at one point had to drive through subdivisions announcing on the PA system that it was illegal to set fireworks off in the City Limits of Troy – which did no good. Most of the complaints were that the City was allowing fireworks to be sold in the city, so how come they couldn’t shoot them off in the city?

In Public Works, they have been busy cleaning up debris from the storm a few weeks ago, that left many trees and limbs down. We had crews out by 3am on Sunday the 23rd, clearing downed limbs off roadways. As citizens put their branches, etc. out near the street, we had two crews picking up or grinding the waste into mulch. They started on one side of town and worked their way to the other side. We are now down to answering specific calls. Prior to that, Public works had placed 11 tons of asphalt in pothole patching and two cubic yards of concrete for street repairs on Hickory Dr. They kept storm water inlets open and right of ways mowed.

In the Water Dept., we pumped 39,787,000 gallons of water in June 2017 with the daily maximum of 1,478,000 gallons as water usage increased due to the hotter weather. Flynn Drilling completed pump and motor testing and everything looks good. The fire department has completed fire hydrant testing for this year.

In the Wastewater Utility Dept., we repaired an 8" sewer line at King Dr and Front St and repaired a 36" sewer main that went under Hwy 61 near the high school due to CenturyLink boring through those sewer mains. We will be in contact with CenturyLink about paying for the repairs. We contacted local businesses that had grease traps and informed them that it was up to them to clean and maintain their own grease traps. In some cases, the business didn't even know that it had a grease trap, much less be able to clean out the grease trap. Fats, oils and grease are the enemy of wastewater treatment plants. If you can avoid putting those substances into your drain, it will go a long way toward making the plants run more efficiently. Finally, we worked with PWSD #2 to make repairs to their lift station at the end of Sydnorville Rd., which was letting in hundreds of gallons of ground water.

At the treatment plants, Pump 1 at the old plant is out for repair. We had the mechanical seal fail and we were fortunate to catch it early and prevent major damage. The Hwy 47 plant influent screen was overtaken with grit and gravel during the flooding and high flows. The grit had some adverse effects on the filter belt of the screen by breaking some of the teeth. The manufacturer recommends that the entire unit needs to be removed to perform the repair as the damage is too extensive.

In the Building Dept., the final count for the 2016-2017 FY was 82 new housing starts and we had only budgeted for 48. That is a good sign that Troy is growing again.

Sales tax deposits for July of 2017 were 11.87% higher than deposits for July of 2016. The 1% Local Sales Tax was 12.46% higher, the ½% Transportation Tax was 10.07% higher and the ½% Capital Improvement's Tax was 12.46% higher than July of 2016. City Treasurer Linda Flinn and Deputy Treasurer Bridget Knudsen attended a half-day training at the City of Manchester in conjunction with the GFOA monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 12th. The training covered the economy, bond arbitrage, MOSIP, and P-Cards.

The Parks Dept. reports that the Aquatic Center is running smoothly with only a few minor glitches. The ice machine in the concession stand needed a new circuit board, pump number 5 needed some TLC due to locking up one evening, and the "tippy bucket" is getting stuck when it dumps water, probably just needs more grease. Weather has been great for the pool, we have had only a few short closures for weather. 312 season passes were sold this year, 126 resident cards, 137 employee passes and 49 non-resident cards.

Congratulations to Tonya Hawkins for obtaining certification from International Public Management Association in Human Resources. Tonya has attended computer classes since January 2017 which culminated into a three-hour certification exam. Tonya has been elected to the Executive Board as Secretary for the IPMA_HR local chapter.

The Mayor, City Clerk and Dir. Of Human Resources met with Jim Ladlie of Retirement Plan Advisors who recommended transferring the City's 457 Deferred Compensation Plan to the Standard. The transfer will result in lower fees and more fund options for the employees.

I would like to remind all the local businesses that have not renewed their business license that those renewals were due on June 30, 2017. We are reaching a critical point where we would have to send out the Chief of Police with a warning if they are not paid; the City would be required to tell you to close your business until the license fee has been paid. We don't really want to do that, but it is not fair to all the businesses that have turned in their renewals on time.

That is all for this month. Enjoy the beautiful weather and watch out for the kids as they head back to school next week August 15th, drivers should be very vigilant. Otherwise, be kind to one another and I will talk to you next month. God, Bless you all!!

Mark A. Cross