

At the Board of Alderman meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup> the following actions took place;

Mr. Ed Rapien, representing Jim Trenary Ford, made a presentation and request for the dealership to have a special vehicle sales event in Walmart's parking lot. They would have about 80 used cars (not older than five years old), a temporary office and a huge tent. There are several issues that need to be addressed including, but not limited to, a conditional use permit and a temporary business license. Mr. Rapien was told that he needed to contact Mr. Dave Lindsey in the Building Dept. in order to get the ball rolling on this project.

Ordinance 1260 was passed unanimously by the board. This ordinance makes a change in how people get permission to use City Parks and streets for runs/walks. In the past, all requests to have a run/walk had to come to the Board of Aldermen. Now those requests go through the City's Park Director and Chief of Police and they have the authority to approve or disapprove the event. This speeds the approval along and eliminates long discussions at board meetings and lets the board concentrate on other items on the agenda.

Liquor licenses were renewed for Dollar General, Mustang Sally's Bar and Grill, Xpressmart, Fastlane, Troy Elks Lodge and Walmart Supercenter #60.

The board approved the rezoning of 206 S. Lincoln Dr. from R-1 Single-Family residential District to C-3 highway Commercial District by a vote of 4-3. The property is owned by David & Diane Lenk, Mike & Denise Lenk, Debra & Rick Birkhead and Philip & Linda Lenk.

The Board also approved a request for a Conditional Use Permit by Meramec Specialty Company, applicant for "Fireworks City", a seasonal fireworks stand located at 12 Frenchman Bluff Road. The vote was 4-3.

The board approved and authorized the Mayor to Sign Personal Assistance Services 2017-2018 renewal in the amount of \$2,106.72 for employees wellness benefit.

The board approved, at my request, delaying the signing of the Economic Development contract and the CVB budget for 2017-2018 until next month (June).

A site plan was approved for a commercial building permit for the expansion of the Plaza Tire store at 105 King Dr.

The board approved the appointment of Joan Bowen that lives at 130 Stonebridge in Troy to the Planning & Zoning Commission. I want to thank Ms. Bowen volunteering to serve.

The Aid Agreement for Care Trak Services among Lincoln county Health Department, City of Troy, Missouri, Lincoln County Ambulance District, Lincoln County Fire Protection District No. 1, and Lincoln County Sheriff's Department was tabled. The city was ready to sign, but several other entities were not ready to sign.

The board awarded and authorized the Mayor to sign the contract on Harris Street and Carrington/Hwy 47 water main replacement project with Wehmeyer Farms Inc. as lowest and best bid in the amount of \$225,098.00.

Finally, the board approved change order #1 submitted by Cannon General Contractors on TAP Main Street Sidewalk Project #9900(383) in the amount of \$3,358.35. The vote was 3-3 with the Mayor breaking the tie by voting aye.

From the Park Board meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup> - Park Director Ryan Howell showed the board a rough draft of a special events application he put together for the board to look at. The hope is that it will cut down on some of the problems with special events in the City, as well as allow the city to more closely monitor what is going on in the city. Howell also showed the form to the BOA for their thoughts and approval. St. Stephen Vacation Bible Camp has met with Park Director Howell and started the planning for the July 17, 18, 19 event in Fairgrounds Park. Ryan has already made contact with the baseball organization to get the event on their calendar so there are no conflicts. The Cub Scout event on June 3<sup>rd</sup> is moving forward. This will be a gathering of area troops showcasing scout activities. Finally, Director Howell showed the preliminary excavation plans for the new Crooked Creek Park.

In the Police Department; The Lincoln County Memorial Auxiliary Post 8828 will be hosting a FREE breakfast for Veterans and First Responders on 5/27/2017 from 0700 to 1300 hours at the VFW Hall on Hwy J.

On 05/10/2017 Chief Taylor attended the Missouri Rural Services Workers Compensation Safety Meeting along with other city department heads. He came away with several good ideas to bring awareness of job safety to the Police Department. Finally, as of 04/28/2017 the Department has given out 236 ordinance violation notices.

In Public Works they placed 14 tons of asphalt in pothole patching all over town. They also placed 53 cubic yards of concrete for street repairs on Enterprise Dr. During the recent heavy rains, they kept the catch basins open and clear of debris, as well as picking up other storm debris. They have mowed rights-of-way all over town and they repaired eight street signs and installed two new signs.

During the second half of April and first half of May, Public Works located 5 manholes that were undocumented, repaired two exposed sewer creek crossings that were damaged by the flood, and walked the entire trunk line system to look for problems after the large rain events. AMTECH is in the process of camera inspecting our large diameter trunk lines. Public Works camera inspected 11,500 feet of sewer line at Wingate subdivision and John Street. They also realigned/added/deleted manholes and sewer lines that were incorrect on the map, completed the easement for the Clonts field reroute of the sewer line, and Mehler Excavating began construction on the new Clonts field sewer reroute. Finally, all eight of the emergency sirens were tested and all were found to be working properly.

New membranes installed at the SWWTP were severely tested by the heavy rains in late April and they performed well. They are easily keeping up with the daily flow. A power outage in the north part of town on May 5, 2017 forced us to use the portable backup generator on the lift stations affected by that outage. We were able to take the generator back and forth between the lift stations and were able to keep up with the flow. Money is going into the 2018 FY budget to purchase another generator to avoid having to move one back and forth. Saving just one basement backup will make the cost of the generator worth the price. At the Hwy 47 plant, the influent screen was overtaken with grit and gravel during the flooding and high flows at the end of April. The grit had some adverse effects on the filter belt of the screen by breaking some of the teeth. We will be replacing the teeth with the extras that we have during the low flow periods in the upcoming summer season.

Sales tax deposits for May of 2017 were 16.41% higher than May of 2016. The 1% local sales tax was 16.7% higher, the ½% transportation tax was 15.56% higher and the ½% Capital Improvement tax was 16.68% higher than May of 2016. For the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year, our sales tax deposits are 1.2% higher than the same period in FY2016. Our Semi-Annual gross receipts tax payment from Ameren Missouri will be \$250,787.59. This payment covers the period of November 2016 through April 2017 and is .92% more than the same period in FY2016. Both the electric and gas proceeds were slightly increased compared to the prior year. This is a gross receipts tax on the gas and electricity that is used by commercial businesses.

Every year at budget time the Building Department and the City Treasurer try to determine how many new housing starts we are going to have during the next fiscal year. For the current fiscal year, the budget was for 48 new housing permits to be issued. In the month of April, we issued ten new housing permits and for the current fiscal year, which will end on June 30th, we have issued a total of 71 permits - which have generated \$359,906.76 in permit fees. The valuation on those properties comes to \$9,664,002.00.

In the Parks Department, Parks Director Ryan Howell and his team have been working hard at getting the pool ready to open on Saturday May 27, 2016, which is Memorial Day weekend. In addition they are maintaining the ballfields, restrooms and all of the other amenities that people use in the city parks.

Several meetings were initiated by the HR department this month. Those included a new wellness initiative by the City's health insurer for employee wellness entitled "Real Appeal". The program provides a kit to each employee, a personal trainer, social group and the tools to reach goals on weight loss and healthy eating alternatives. This program is offered to the city at no additional cost, but the benefit to the city is healthier employees, which in turn will help to keep health care costs as low as possible.

In regard to the City's risk management and increasing premiums for work comp insurance, the Safety director for the City's trust came to City Hall and spoke to the Safety Committee. The Director presented historical statistics on the City's use ratio since 2011 and offered safety information/videos for use by each department to increase safety awareness. Last, a webinar offered through the City's liability insurance carrier was dispatched to all department directors on drug/alcohol use awareness in the workplace.

I believe that is it for this month. I will be taking some vacation time with my wife Phyllis in June, but I know that all of the City's operations will continue to run well under the direction of each of the Department Directors. If it ever stops raining and it warms up a bit, we can start enjoying the outdoors now that school is out of session. Be careful out there and watch out for the kiddos that will be running around and playing in the streets, because as you know they will probably not be watching for you. Be kind to one another and God Bless you all.