

The Board of Alderman met on April 16, 2018 and took the following action.

The first item on the agenda was to certify the election result from the April 3rd municipal election. Then City Clerk Jodi Schneider swore in the Mayor, Mark Cross (four-year term); Karen Curt, Ward I (two-year term); David Norman, Ward II (two-year term); Todd Walker, Ward III (two-year term). Finally, the Board of Alderman elected Lisa Anderson, Ward II, as President of the Board of Alderman.

I then had the pleasure of presenting a Certificate of Appreciation to Margaret Eversmeyer for her eight years of service to the citizens of Ward II. In addition, Margaret served the City as a member of the Park Board for years, many of them as President. Congratulations to Margaret and thank you so much for your service and dedication to the City of Troy and its citizens.

The BOA passed an ordinance amending Chapter 405 Section 405.215 as it pertains to animals. Paragraph 3 now reads; chickens shall be allowed to be kept in the R-1: Single-Family residential District, however there shall be a maximum of six (6) chickens per premises. The term "chickens" shall mean female chickens. It shall not mean chickens commonly known as roosters.

The board approved and authorized the Mayor to sign annual employee assistance program through Personal Assistance Services/Preferred Resource Network, Inc. in the amount of \$2,106.72.

Approved and authorized the Mayor to sign consent to assignment to Meridian Waste Missouri, LLC as assignee regarding residential solid waste collection services license agreement dated April 15, 2013, as extended by the contract for extension of residential solid waste collections services license agreement dated January 9, 2017.

Approved employee personnel guideline – sick leave benefits, page 400-23 by adding "or resignation" in regard to employee compensation of ¼ of accumulated sick days upon separation from active service.

Approved and authorized the Mayor to sign amendment to work order number 004 to allow engineering costs on Work Order 004 to be eligible for reimbursement under the Clean Water State Revolving fund program.

Approved and authorized Mayor to sign engineering services proposal for Main Street Bridge Replacement in the amount of \$32,000.00 for design, bidding, geotechnical and asbestos and \$21,000.00 for construction phase submitted by Cochran Engineering.

Approved and authorized Mayor to sign right-of-way easement to Grantee Cuivre River Electric Cooperative, Inc. to add pole for sewer improvement project at Wastewater Treatment Plant Southeast Facility.

In the Police Dept., Chief Taylor will be attending a 32 Hour FBI training Class in May. Representatives from all over the St. Louis metro area and the Midwest will be attending at the FBI Headquarters in downtown St. Louis.

Over the last month, the Public Works Dept. has placed 12 tons of asphalt in potholes and patching and/or full depth repairs. In addition to that, 6.5 cubic yards of concrete was used for street repairs. Repairs were made to culvert pipes on Alden St. and in Wingate subdivision and to a storm water inlet also in Wingate.

In the Water Dept., monthly production was 30,241,00 gallons with a daily maximum of 1,130,000 gallons on the 8th. All bacteriological samples were reported absent of any contamination. Fire hydrant testing will begin shortly, we will try to keep everyone informed when they start and which area in which they will be working.

In the Wastewater Collection Dept., the city continues its ongoing efforts to curtail the amount of fats, oils and grease that go into the system. These items are extremely hard on the wastewater treatment facilities so we are working with local restaurants and businesses to put in grease traps to reduce the damage. In the future, we will be inspecting their equipment and maintenance logs to ensure that they remain in compliance with City ordinances. We also ran the camera through 200' of storm sewer and 3,336' of sanitary sewer making sure that there were no clogs or leaks. Consequently, we had to run the jetter through 1,260' of sanitary sewer line to clean them before they became a problem.

The monthly check of the emergency sirens showed all eight of the sirens in good working order. We are putting money in next year's budget so we can upgrade the first of five sirens so that it can communicate directly with the main control at the City Shed. The cost of this project is \$9,500.00 per siren which will allow us to know immediately when we have a problem with a particular siren.

There was a meeting held with Woodard and Curran to go over the plans for the renovation of the sewer plant. The plans were 60% complete which allowed us to make any changes that were necessitated because something sounded good during preliminary discussions but didn't work out when put on paper. This is a required step in the design process for DNR as we apply for a loan from the State Revolving Fund (SRF). The next step will be a review of the plans at 90% completion and that will take place early in June.

Sales Tax deposits for April of 2018 were 18.66% more than deposits for April of 2017. The 1% Local Sales Tax was 20.11% more, the ½% Transportation Tax was 13.82% more and the ½% Capital Improvement Tax was 20.46% more than April of 2017. April's deposits would be for February's collections. For the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year our sales tax deposits are up by 3.06% as compared to the same period in FY2017.

In the Building Dept., we had six new housing permits issued during the month of April bringing the total to 56 new housing starts for the F/Y 2017/2018 and we had only budgeted for 48 new residential housing starts.

In the Parks Dept., Carol House Quick Fix Pet Clinic had two transport days for dogs and cats during April due to the overwhelming popularity of this service. Concession stand operations in Fairgrounds Park was advertised and the bid was awarded to Elite Booster Club, as they were the lone bidder. Finally, excavation work started at Crooked Creek Park and we hope to have all the dirt work finished by the end of the month. I believe we will end up with four new ball fields and two new soccer fields when we are done.

The Utility Department has been issuing automated telephone call reminders to disconnect customers for the past two months with positive results. The reminder calls have reduced disconnections by one-half, which in turn reduces the physical shut-off by meter readers, additional processing by the utility department and unhappy customers.

I would like to congratulate Troy City Clerk Jodi Schneider. Jodi was awarded the Outstanding City Clerk for the State of Missouri for 2017 by the Missouri City Clerks and Finance Officers Association. This is a much-deserved award as Jodi has worked tirelessly since being named City Clerk in September of 2012. I know that she makes my job easier and I have learned a lot about city government from her and her predecessor, Karen Hotfelder.

That's it for this month, but I will be back next month with more exciting updates to what is going on in Troy. Remember, "People can't drive you crazy if you don't give them the keys" (book by Mike Bechtle). Be kind to each other and God bless you all.