

The Board of Alderman met on May 21, 2018 and took the following actions;

The evening started with a Public Hearing for citizen comment on a request for a Conditional Use Permit by Meramec Specialty company, applicant for "Fireworks City", a seasonal firework stand located at 12 Frenchman Bluff Road.

Robert and Lisa Seely, Tri-County Glass, 100 Hilltop Lane, requested to allow Public Water District #2 to Purchase One Sewer Tap on their behalf. The Board tabled this item until next month's meeting so they could gather additional information.

Mr. Chuck Conroy, 133 Fieth road, requested to hook onto the city water per agreement for connection to Troy Water Works and Sewer System. Construction specifications and inspections, payment of right-to-connect fees and double the rates for outside city limits. The board authorized one water connection for Mr. Conroy when he gets ready to build his new home.

Mr. James Dye, 231 Rodie Drive, Foley, Mo, request City of Troy Police Department assuming a role within the SRO Program—School Resource Officer, within the City Limits of Troy (to allow the Lincoln County Sheriffs' Department, which currently staffs the entire program to potentially have a greater impact, within the program outside of the city limits). The board took Mr. Dye's request under advisement and will work to sit down with the Lincoln County R-III School district and the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department to look at ways to improve the SRO program in the schools.

The BOA approved extending a variance for a third dog for Kristy Weldon. The extension is for twelve months.

Scott and Cindy Wallace approached the board to request permission for the subdivision they live in, Tara Valley, to hook onto City Water (outside the City Limits). This item was tabled for further investigation and information gathering.

Jamie Gibison and Laura Barber updated the board on an upcoming fundraiser for the Lincoln County Library District Ballot initiative. They requested permission to have vendors selling items at the event and the board agreed to allow that to take place.

The board passed an ordinance creating a new Chapter 250 entitled storm water pollution control and creating certain subsections regulating illicit discharges and connections of storm water. The purpose/intent of Chapter 250 is to provide for the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the City of Troy, Missouri through the regulation of non-storm water discharges to the storm drainage system to the maximum extent practicable as required by federal and state law. Chapter 250 establishes methods for controlling the introduction of pollutants into the municipal separate storm sewer system to comply with requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit process.

Under old business the board discussed the possibility for making landlords responsible for unpaid utility bills incurred by their tenants per RSMo.250.140. Last year the Utility Dept. had to write off \$4,845.31 in unpaid bills; a loss that puts a burden on all of the people in Troy that pay their bill on time. To my way of thinking, landlords take on certain risks when they go into the rental business and this should be

one of them. This item was tabled again until we determine to what lengths the city wants to go to protect itself from bad debts.

Also under old business, the board approved Resolution 2018-2. A resolution authorizing the City of Troy, Missouri to enter into, and the Mayor to execute, the Central Communications Election Agreement with Lincoln County.

The board approved a request for a conditional use permit by Meramec Specialty Company, applicant for "Fireworks City", a seasonal firework stand located at 12 Frenchman Bluff Road.

Approved Change Order No. 1 submitted by Cannon General Contractors regarding Whitetail Crossing Lift Station Improvements for Time Extension of 31 days establishing New Completion Date as July 31, 2018.

The board voted not to extend the Chamber of Commerce contract for Economic Development Services for F/Y 2018-2019, saving the city \$15,000.00. The Mayor had contacted several private companies that do this type of work for cities and found that they would be unable to provide a meaningful level of service for dollars that the city had to spend. By not renewing the contract, the city now will have no presence in the Economic Development arena, thereby limiting our potential for growth. In my estimation, this was a short-sited decision and a mistake on the part of the Board of Alderman, many of whom talked about Troy's need for more businesses and restaurants and then inexplicably voted against the contract. Very frustrating.

The board approved and authorized the Mayor to sign Troy Convention and Visitors Bureau Contract with the Troy Area Chamber of Commerce for fiscal year 2018-2019.

The board approved Pay Applications No. 1 and 2 to Karrenbrock Excavating, LLC on Crooked Creek Park, rough grading and SWPPP Project #M16-7353A in the amounts of \$28,470.80 and \$44,069.81.

They discussed and approved payment of contingency reconciliation and final invoice to Cannon General Contractors regarding Sanitary Sewer Extension Project on Troy Industrial Ground in the amount of \$36,062.33.

There was a brief update on MS4 Ordinances by Building Official Dave Lindsey.

Finally, the board approved a request for a Take-Home City Vehicle by Wastewater Superintendent Peasel.

Police Chief Taylor completed his FBI Executive Development Seminar and Training and received credit for thirty-two hours of continuing education. He received his certification at a graduation ceremony Friday, May 18, 2018.

Our new officer, Austin LaGarce, has been doing very well with his Field Training Officer. We want to welcome Officer LaGarce to the Troy Police Department and look forward to him being a long term great asset, not just to the department but to the community at large.

K9 Officer Ryan Parker has finished his K9 Interdiction Training and Certification. Officer Parker's K9 partner is Nitro.

Cheryl Holloway, Police Clerk, attended the Missouri Police Chief's Associated Police Clerk Conference the week of May 7th. The State of Missouri has issued new standards and they will be implemented in the future.

In the Public Works Department, they did repair work on streets all over town. They placed 247 tons of asphalt in pothole patching and/or full depth repairs and 33 cubic yards of concrete.

We pumped 28,802,000 gallons of water in April with a daily maximum of 1,187,000 gallons on April 14th. All bacteriological samples were reported absent of any contamination. Our new utility bill call service continues to show positive results. We only had 48 delinquent shutoffs in the month of April, where we had been averaging 80 – 90 shutoffs per month before the start of the service. Ultimately it is the customers responsibility to make sure their bill is paid on time, but if the City can help with a gentle reminder we are happy to do so.

Wastewater collection camera checked 2,491 feet of sewer main and another 445 feet of storm sewer main and jetted 225 feet of sewer main. Found and fixed several buried manholes as well as cleared brush and mowed rights-of-way.

If you have not applied for your city dog tags, you need to do so. Come to City Hall with shot records and fill out a form. The tags cost \$1.00, but in case your canine family member gets loose when we pick him/her up we will be able to reach you to return them. During the month of April there were five dogs picked up and all were returned to their families.

With the help of Woodard and Curran, we are applying for the renewal of our operating permits for both Treatment Plants as ours expire in January and March of 2019. We do not expect MoDNR to issue a new permit for either of our plants if the new plant project progresses as scheduled. We must still apply so that we can continue to operate both plants.

Sales tax deposits for May of 2018 were 11.325% lower than deposits for May of 2017. The 1% Local Sales Tax was 10.59% lower, the 1/2% Transportation Tax was 13.52% lower and the 1/2% Capital Improvement Tax was 19.92% lower than May of 2017. May's deposits would be for March's collections. For the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year, our sales tax deposits are 1.90% higher than the same period in FY 2017.

We were notified that our semi-annual gross receipts tax payment from Ameren Missouri will be \$259,051.68. This payment covers the period of November 2017 through April 2018 and is 3.295% higher than the same period of FY 2017. Both the electric and gas proceeds were slightly increased compared to the prior year. This is a gross receipts tax on commercial gas and electric users.

The City Treasurer Linda Flinn and Deputy Treasurer Bridget Knudsen attended the GFOA 112th National Conference in St. Louis, Missouri the week of April 30th through May 3rd. It was an excellent conference, both for education and networking. GFOA members from all over the United States and Canada were in attendance. During the conference, City Treasurer Linda Flinn was awarded the

Excellence in Government Award; an award that is awarded annually to a city treasurer/financial officer for their hard work and dedication to their City. Congratulations Linda, the recognition is long overdue.

In the Building Dept., we had seven new housing permits in May bringing our total to 63 for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year.

In the Parks Dept., Crooked Creek Park Excavation is nearing completion. The next step is to start hauling rock for parking lots and park access. We have a new fountain installed in Fairgrounds Park; it is smaller than the previous fountain and should be less expensive to maintain.

In the Administration Dept., activity has flourished with the warmer weather for pavilion rentals, special event permits, dog tags, hydrant permits, liquor license renewals, business license renewals and temporary hires for the pool/park/water departments. The City's Facebook page has grown in followers due to the variety of updates on construction activities, park events, the Mayor's newsletter and the preparation for the pool season.

That is all for this month. With the warmer weather finally here, please keep an eye out for children playing in or around the streets. They will not be watching, so you drivers will have to be more aware. I will be back next month with more updates of what is going on in Troy. Here is a thought for the day, "do not be misled: Bad company corrupts good character." Be kind to one another and God bless you all.