

The Board of Alderman met on August 19, 2019 and took the following actions;

The board passed an ordinance establishing a procedure to disclose potential conflicts of interest and substantial interests for certain municipal officials.

Approved the request of Monte Cannon, applicant on behalf of Cannon Commercial District Planned Development, for the property located at 651 John Deere Drive.

Approve the request of Jack and Teresa Wall, applicant and property owner, for rezoning from "R-2" single family residential district to "C-1" Central Business District, for the property located at 802 W. College Street.

Adopt the 2019 property Tax Rate of \$0.1753 (includes a voluntary reduction of \$0.15) per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Approved the request of Monte Cannon applicant on behalf of Cannon Properties for rezoning from "R-1" Single Family Residential District to "C-3" Highway Commercial District Planned Development, to include vocational/educational facilities, for the property located at 651 John Deere Drive.

Approved the request of Jack and Teresa Wall, applicant and property owners, for rezoning from "R-2" Single Family Residential District to "C-1" Central Business District, for the property located at 802 W. College Street.

Approved City-Wide Clean-Up Day for September 14, 2019.

Approved engineering agreement submitted by George Butler & Assoc. for 2019 Pavement Repair Program (Third and South Main St.) in the amount of \$14,000.00.

Board President/Mayor Pro Tem Sconce explained that the original Plans for Third Street Water Main Relocation did not include a required sixth fire hydrant. The contractor proposed a reasonable cost, \$4000.00, to add it to the project and the board approved the change.

Approved Pay application #2 submitted by Wehmeyer Farms, Inc. on Third St. Water Main relocation in the amount of \$6,758.55.

The board approved a Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Moscow Mills for a Water Operator. Upon review of the water operator job description and checking with MOPERM on liability, City Attorney Granneman modified the agreement to include all required certifications based on the job description. It is not mandated that the City's water operator be available. The operator will assist when available and the agreement does not require the City of Troy to provide supplies or parts. Each municipality would be responsible for the respective water operator's wage, taxes and benefits if asked to work at the other municipality.

The Police Department has moved forward with purchasing items approved with the new FY budget, they include a surveillance system for the booking room, stairwell and parking lot. Also, there are four Police vehicles prepared for an on-line auction.

During the month of July, the Water Department pumped 41,352,000 gallons of water with a maximum daily output of 1,332,000 gallons on July 14th.

We are beginning our second year of Woodard and Curran operating our wastewater treatment facilities. The second year started off with no "lost time" accidents to report for the month of July and training included the proper techniques of moving C12/S02 containers and how to handle the extreme heat working conditions during the summer. One of the main blowers at the MBR facility that services two of the four big basins in the plant locked up and caused operators to make an emergency repair to get the plant back up to full speed. It was determined that a site glass on the blower broke over a weekend causing all the oil to leak out. A pump bracket came off one of the pumps at the Wingate lift station causing the pump to shoot water back into the well instead of down the line. Wastewater was at a high level inside the wet well, but never caused any backups or overflows before staff could make repairs.

Sales tax deposits for August of 2019 were 17.45% more than deposits for August of 2018. The 1% Local Sales Tax was 17.11% higher, the ½% Transportation Tax was 18.49% higher and the ½% Capital Improvement Tax was 17.11% higher than August of 2018. After two months into the 2019-2020 fiscal year our sales tax receipts are up by 1.32%

FY2019 Year-End

The General Fund reserve balance increased by \$561,309.33 over FY2018
Sales tax revenues were 4.43% more than the prior fiscal year and 4.66% ahead of budget.
The city earned a total of \$175,844.78 in interest.
Real & Property taxes at the reduced rate exceeded budget by 13%
Building permit fee revenue was 215% over budget.
Right-to-Connect for water were 63% over budget
The City received 78 connection fees for sewer, which was 18 more than budgeted.

In the Building Department we issued 11 permits for new housing starts and a total of 22 permits with a valuation of \$3,652,900.00.

In the Parks Department, grading work has started at Kiwanis Park. The timeline for playground installation is still unknown because the rain has slowed the process down. Ben Williams officially turned in all his paperwork for his Eagle Scout project, a fish habitat in Fairgrounds Park. He did a great job and the habitat in the pond was installed with no problems.

Before I close for this month, I have a couple of personal comments. One, we recently had a serious issue with graffiti at Fairgrounds Park. An individual, or individuals, used red spray paint to leave examples of their limited vocabulary on the skate park, the retaining wall behind the food pantry and the bathrooms at the concession stand. Some might say this is an example of there not being enough for kids to do in Troy, and I would have to vehemently disagree with that. This was done late at night, just before the bathrooms are locked for the night. This would have been long after any activities for kids would have been closed. Secondly, based on what was painted you can tell that it was older teenagers or young adults. It took park staff days of working with harsh chemicals and paint to clean the mess up, time and money that could have been better spent. If you know of who may have done this, please contact City Hall and you will remain anonymous.

Secondly, on September 20th and 21st there will be activities in Fairgrounds Park to commemorate the Bicentennial of Troy. Friday night will be a free concert with Jake Shafer and his band. There will be food trucks and beverages available, so no outside food or beverages will be allowed. Saturday at 7:30 a.m. will be a 5K Run and then from noon to 4p.m. there will be family activities, face painting, petting zoo and more. There will be no parking in the park, you can park at the high school and there will be a shuttle bus to bring you back and forth. Please come and enjoy these activities to celebrate Troy's 200th birthday.

That is it for this month, so be kind to one another and God bless you all.