

The Board of Alderman met on Monday October 21, 2019 and took the following action:

John Dickerson and his daughter Hailey Dickerson made a request to keep chickens. Currently their home is located in a commercial district and chickens are only allowed in residential. The board will review the ordinance to see if changes can be/or should be made and report back at the next regular board meeting on November 18th.

John Armbruster made a request for an Eagle Scout Project in Fairgrounds Park. He was referred to Parks Director Ryan Howell to work out something that would benefit him and the City.

Andy Mennemeyer for ADM Holdings, LLC made a request to purchase a tap and hook on to City water outside the City limits. The board approved this request.

Chris Norton requested to purchase tap and hook-on to City water outside City Limits and the board approved the request.

Chuck and Donna Conrey were on the agenda to request to purchase a tap and hook-on to City Water, but they did not attend the meeting.

Bill Applebaum, GJ Grewe Brokerage and Development, Property Owner/Developer and Pat Nasi, Development Dynamics, updated on a request for a Community Improvement District (CID) for Slim Chickens Drive-Thru Restaurant. The board acknowledged their interest in the CID request to bring this business to Troy.

Kelley Debold, Vice President for Tara Valley HOA, and Dennis Kallash, Fitch and Assoc. for Tara Valley HOA, were there to discuss the request for Tara Valley to hook on to city water without a master meter, dedicate existing waterlines to city and city do all billing. In June of 2018, the Board approved a Tara Valley request to hook on to city water by using a master meter and the HOA continue to bill the property owners for usage. This was contingent on all property owners entering into a water connection agreement. The board vote was 4-2 in favor with Alderman Sconce and Alderman Walker voting no. There was much discussion regarding their latest request on whether or not the city wants to be responsible, but no decision was reached.

There was a brief discussion about new software for the Building Department Permitting Processes, but at the request of Building Official Dave Lindsey the item was tabled.

The BOA approved the Christmas/New Year holiday schedule as follows: December 24th and December 25th City Hall is closed, New Year's Eve, December 31st, city hall is closing at noon, and New Year's Day, January 1, 2020 City hall is closed.

The board approved THD Design Group, applicant on behalf of property owner Ryan Pennington, requesting approval of Lot Subdivision and Consolidation for the property located at 195 East College St. as recommended by the Planning and Zoning commission.

The board approved the Record Plat of Stone Crossing Plat 4.

The board approved and authorized the Mayor to sign TASC Flexible Spending Account Agreement.

Approved and authorized the Mayor to sign amendment to Everbridge-Nixle Core Platform Service Agreement (adding non-appropriation language).

Approved Resolution 2019-3, a Resolution for Financing with Clayton Holdings LLC for two Dodge Charger Police Cars.

There was a presentation by Natalie Denando, Community Affairs Manager, Meridian Waste, with an update on Curbside fiber recycling option.

Jared Comer of Woodard & Curran gave the annual update on the state of affairs at the wastewater treatment facilities. With the completion of the first year, I would suggest that the board did the correct thing by hiring Woodard and Curran to run the wastewater treatment plants.

Approved Sewer Maintenance Worker Job Description Revision and Grade Change from 12 to 13.

Approved Meter Reader II Job Description Revision from Grade 11 to Grade 12.

Awarded the 2019 Mill and Overlay Program to the lowest/best bidder, Mid-River Asphalt, in the amount of \$79,375.00 as recommended by Mike Graviett, George Butler & Associates, and authorized the Mayor to sign the agreement.

Approved payment of emergency repair is \$17,375.00 at FabTech on Basin 1 at Highway 47 Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Approved Subdivision Bond for Cannon Properties, Inc. for Plat one of 61 East Business Park for Street and Water Main infrastructure construction to allow Lincoln County R-III School District to begin construction for the Ranken Technical College project.

Approved allowing an entrance on Bueneman Lane for Ranken Technical College and Entering into maintenance agreement.

Approved FY2020 Budget Amendment 01-0000-47 Sale of Assets (\$11,000.00) 01-0000-4780 insurance settlement (\$16,000) and 01-1001-6990 Capital Asset.

Approved purchase of 2016 Dodge Charger from Missouri State Highway Patrol for \$16,950.00. This car replaces one that was totaled in an accident where officer McPeak ran into a concrete light pole base at Mountain Top Motors.

Approved the emergency purchase of a 2013 Ford Explorer for use as Chief Taylor's vehicle, in the amount of \$12,620.00 (purchased from Scott West Automotive, Moscow Mills, Missouri)

Chief Taylor requested that item 7R be tabled until he gathered more information from gas station owners, that request was approved.

Alderman Sconce volunteered to sponsor an ordinance requiring expansion joints in driveways installed by the builder.

Alderman Sconce volunteered to sponsor an ordinance amending setbacks on decks in rear yards.

In the Police Department, officer Jordan Richards is off his field training period, on his own and doing quite well. Congratulations Officer Richards, the City and the Department are glad to have you on board.

The board approved the hiring of three new reserve police officers, they are Daniel Harp, Paul Long and Eric Christy. All these officers will be used primarily on nights when the city has court and working parades and other large events downtown where the crowds are generally bigger. As openings become available in the Department, these reserve officers will get an opportunity to apply for full-time positions.

In Public Works, they placed 48 tons of asphalt and 20 cubic yards of concrete for street and pothole repairs; kept the storm sewer catch basins open; repaired or replaced 15 signs and inspected and repaired all of the snow plowing equipment.

For September we pumped 38,204,000 gallons of water; that is an average of 1,273,000 gallons per day with a daily maximum of 1,822,000 gallons on September 14th. All the water samples for the month came back absent of any contamination.

All eight warning sirens were tested and are working properly.

We received bids on the expansion of the SEWWT Plant and the construction of the interceptor line. The low bidder on the plant project is Plocher Construction Co. with a bid of \$18,227,175.00 and the low bidder on the interceptor line was KCI with a bid of \$1,196,000.00. We will be getting ready to start construction in early spring of 2020 and finish construction in the late fall of 2021.

Sales Tax deposits for October of 2019 were 5.29% higher than deposits for October of 2018. The 1% Local Sales Tax was 5.12% higher, the ½% Transportation Tax was 5.80% higher and the ½% Capital Improvement's tax was 5.15% higher than October 2018. For the FY 2019-2020 our sales tax receipts are up by 2.59% as compared to the same period in FY 2019.

The City received two distributions from the Missouri Dept. of Revenue for interest. Normally interest is distributed in January and July, but with migrating to new software, the department fell behind on these distributions. On September 12, 2019 we received \$3,307.65, which covered the period of July 2017 – June 2018. On September 26, 2019 we received \$7,254.33, which covered the period of July 2018-June 2019.

In comparing the current fiscal year to the prior fiscal year, we find the following:

1. Sales taxes are up.
2. Franchise taxes are down, attributable to a decrease in payments from Ameren due to a milder summer, the 6% rate reduction effective last August and the one time remittance for the taxes on non-service charges at Bodine in FY2019.
3. Building permits are up by 60%
4. Interest revenues have doubled over the same period last fiscal year.
5. Fines and Costs are down by 30%
6. Water rights-to connect are down by 11% (more residential connections, but no commercial).
7. Sewer Rights-to connect are at 24, compared to 21 in the same period last year.

With respect to budget, General Fund revenues are slightly above target. Street revenues appear to be low, but the percentage is skewed due to budgeted grant and transfer revenues. Street expenditures appear to be low, but that is due to the lack of completion of capital projects. Water revenues are ahead of budget, as are water expenditures due to payments on Third Street water main project. Sewer revenues are ahead of budget, but the percentage shown is low due to the budgeted SRF bond proceeds. Budgeted expenditures for the Sewer Fund appear low, but no debt service payments have been made, and the wastewater upgrade project has not yet commenced. Interest earned is at 81% of budget.

In the Building Dept, during the month of September there were four new housing starts. Through the first 14 weeks of the FY 2019-2020 there have been 28 new housing starts. If we continue at that pace, there will be over 100 new housing starts which will be the highest total for the last ten years.

In the Parks Dept., the biggest news is the progress that is being made on the Kiwanis Park playground. Drive by the area on Trojan Circle Drive and you will see what I mean. This is very exciting, and the park was also given a \$250,000.00 grant to construct an eight-foot-wide walking trail through the grounds that will be just short of a mile long. It will have exercise stations and other amenities that will make it a destination for many of the folks living here in town. To date there has been grants totaling over \$500,000.00 dollars and donations of over \$150,000.00 to construct this park.

In the Administration Dept., they have been working with Natalie Denando on modifications to the recycling program with Meridian Waste. They have been educating and signing-up customers for fiber (cardboard) curb-side recycling service. Flyers have been mailed out, inserts placed in the newspaper, Facebook posts and notices on utility bills. If you are interested in participating in this program, please contact City Hall for more information.

Tonya Hawkins has been working with the City's insurance broker on the annual health insurance renewal and preparing employee applications to submit for competitive quotes.

Finally, the City received notice from the Department of Revenue for the Sales Tax increase of ½% County Emergency Services Sales Tax effective October 1, 2019. This tax is to support the 911 Emergency Center and reduce the burden on municipality tax payers. Appropriate changes for the October water & sewer bills have been made.

Don't forget during this holiday season, to shop local, especially on Small Business Saturday, November 30, 2019. Also, Night of 1000 Stars has been moved to Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 3 – 8 p.m. Santa will be there to see kids about what they want for Christmas, there will be carolers and a tree lighting ceremony. There will be special Christmas tree ornaments given out commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the founding of Troy while supplies last. They will be available in the lobby of the old courthouse beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and God Bless you all.