

Weekly Report



Week of May 16, 2016

Upcoming

- Join us for the Walter Buck Memorial Fishing Derby on Saturday, June 4, at Hawk Ridge Park (behind Price Chopper). This free event is open to kids 15 and under. There will be prizes for anglers who catch the biggest fish, who catch the most fish and who have the best cast. The first 50 registered receive a fishing pole. Refreshments and snacks provided. Call 816-322-2791 for more information.



Administration

- Communications Manager Mike Ekey hosted a webinar for the group Engaging Local Government Leaders (ELGL). The webinar, which included communications staff and city managers from across the country, focused on the new digital tool Canva (www.Canva.com) and how it has improved the City's digital design abilities.

City Clerk

- Deputy City Clerk Erica Hill was accepted into the International Institute of Municipal Clerk's Certified Municipal Clerk program.

Community Development

- The Planning & Zoning Commission held a work session on Tuesday to discuss minor changes necessary to the City sign regulations in response to a recent Supreme Court decision regarding signs. The commission authorized staff to begin work on an amendment to the Unified Development Code for their review in July.
- Several development applications are under review by the department. Staff is reviewing:
 - a site plan and conditional use permit request for the proposed Municipal Center,
 - a site plan for the redevelopment of the property at the southeast corner of Dean Avenue and 58 Highway,
 - the High Point at Creekmoor Third Final Plat,
 - the proposed closure and removal of the driveway access off 58 Highway to the former Ryan's Restaurant, and
 - a variance application for a property located in Creekmoor.

Parks & Recreation

- Recreation Staff finished training of summer camp counselors and conducted Park House preparations for the start of Summer Quest 2016.
- Uniforms for recreational baseball and softball arrived and were picked up by coaches. Games are scheduled to start May 23.
- Staff began discussions and planning for the new Mud Run event to be held in August.
- Staff worked on scheduling rained out competitive baseball and softball games.
- Staff has prepared the Park Board packet for the May meeting on Tuesday, May 24.
- Staff assembled and placed the new cafe tables and chairs at the Depot shelter at T.B. Hanna Station Park.
- Staff continues to mow and manicure park and public properties. This includes the planting of annuals in the flowers beds around town.

Police

- A service was held honoring National Law Enforcement Memorial Week and sworn members of the Police Department reaffirmed their commitment to the community by taking the oath of office, administered by Mayor Kris Turnbow.
- Emergency Management Coordinator Ryan Murdock and Chief Jan Zimmerman attended a State Emergency Management Agency planning meeting at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg for the upcoming National Mass Care Exercise that is being hosted by the State of Missouri in August.
- Communications Officer Adrienne Koehn attended Crisis Intervention training for civilians at the Kansas City Police Academy.
- Communications Supervisor Starlith McAdams attended a roundtable discussion for supervisors of Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) at the Mid-America Regional Council to discuss issues such as 911 legislation and staffing challenges.
- Emergency Management Coordinator Ryan Murdock and Chief Jan Zimmerman attended the Joplin Disaster Recovery Summit. Break-out sessions included: the role of police after a disaster, stemming population loss, the role of schools and mental health organizations in trauma recovery, and citizen engagement in long-term recovery.

Public Works

- The Public Works Department held a lunch on Thursday for staff celebrating National Public Works Week.
- Staff provided comments to the Community Development Department for the proposed development in the southeast corner of Dean Ave. and 58 Highway.
- Mud Jacking continues in the Foxhaven area. To date, approximately 1,450 feet of sidewalk repairs have been completed with a material cost of \$1,037. Historically these areas would be repaired by contractors at an estimated cost of \$43,065.