

## Administrators' Update February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025



The city experienced a major snow event this month. The public works staff worked tirelessly to uncover the roads. The heavy wet snow created some challenges for our equipment but in spite of those challenges the crews were able to clear our roads on schedule and by the end of the first day.

The SCADA system is coming online. I was very pleased to get an alarm from lift station #1 while on vacation two weeks ago. As you are aware, this is a huge step forward for the City of Forsyth. The \$178,000 investment in our infrastructure is just another



step in our renewed commitment to the citizens to properly manage the resources allotted to us. This project is partially funded through a partnership with Taney County Regional Sewer District and the Taney County Commissioners.



### **New Parks and Recreation Department.**

We have a lot of long-range planning happening. With spring just around the corner, we are outlining the maintenance needs and future projects with the parks and trails. These projects will be the daily responsibility of the newly formed Parks and Recreation Department. This department is a spin-off of what has traditionally been one of the duties of the Public Works Department and funded with

existing funds. The division of the two will allow more specialized concentration of efforts in their respective fields.

As always, the public works staff will continue to maintain and upgrade the streets and the public water and sanitary sewer systems. The Parks and Recreation staff will concentrate on the mowing and maintaining of the parks and trails. The Parks and Recreation team will be charged with organizing citizen committees and setting up the city's special events, such as the Fireworks display, the Halloween and Christmas decorating contests, and upcoming Pickleball tournament's. I also envision them overseeing some baseball and softball leagues too. The team will also assist the Chamber of Commerce with special community events like the Harvest Moon Festival.



I have been conducting interviews to fill the 4 remaining general labor positions the city has available for spring. We had a new hire (Shawn Turner) start in the public works department this last week. The Police Department is looking to fill at least 3 positions. Finding qualified applicants is the challenge universally.

The Christmas decorations Committee held their first meeting. Rose Backlin from the Chamber has agreed to chair the committee. Moving forward, the committee will be looking for sponsorships for the drive through display we hope to have in Shadowrock Park this Christmas. In your bill packet is the first round of purchases for Christmas decorations. These were fabricated by Cory Smith at Forsyth Welding. We are still collecting bids from other sources for additional elements of the display.



We have less than 60 days until election day, I will be speaking at the Chamber Luncheon in March showcasing to the attendees all the great accomplishments that have been made in the last year and our vision moving forward in an effort to win a favorable outcome for the use tax.

Allan is at it again! He found us what I'm going to call a grant with Trojan industries. To provide remote monitoring for the ultraviolet lights at the downtown wastewater treatment plant. The installation and the monitoring is free to the city.

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