

Topics for admin update 7/15/2024

I spent a lot of this first week touring our city's assets and meeting staff, to everyone's credit they are seemingly open to ideas, support and are tolerating my curiosities.

1. **2025 Budget preparation is underway;** we are planning a flat revenue year given the uncertainty in the economy. We are also planning for some upgrades and developing goals and wish lists should funding sources become available.

We have spent about 91% of the approved budget with about 45 days to go.

2. **(Decision item on the agenda)** Branson Bank proposal for pulling funds from Mosip back to the local community

*Mosip funds are not currently helping local business via loans to the community

*The proposal the bank approached us with farms out the funds to other local banks through a program called (ICS) The funds are divided among other small community banks up to the \$250,000 FDIC cap. If we place 2.33 million into the account, 250K remains here locally, and the rest is shared, however, incoming from the partner banks is the balance of the 2.33 million. So, in essence the entire balance is available locally to be used in our community.

*Branson Bank has agreed to match our current rate of **5.33%**

We are under a 3-year contract with Branson Bank

Public works:

1. Bids are being gathered for the water tower inspections; this will need to be approved quickly. The funds for this project expire August 31st. **Decision item on Agenda**

2. Bids are being gathered for automated monitoring of the lift stations. Once implemented we will be able to monitor the functions of the lift stations remotely by notification on a cell phone and/or desktop monitors. Currently if there is a problem we won't know until we catch it by physical inspection or by notification of the public. With this upgrade, we will know there is a problem with the unit the moment it happens. This upgrade will be a significant expenditure, most likely out of the capitol fund. We are exploring using funds from the Taney County Sewer Tax to fund this investment.

3. DNR Classes for Public works. This helps build up our employees and the certification will trigger a pay raise for those Forsyth City employees who pass the exam. Other

communities have now expressed an interest in joining the class. This is a win for all of the communities that get involved and a win for the local environment.

4. CDL license for Public Works employees. Currently only 2 employees have a Class B license. Class B CDL **allows the driver to operate any single vehicle with a GVWR greater than 26,001 pounds**. Common vehicles include school buses, dump trucks and straight trucks. They are required to have a minimum Class F

5. There was a vacancy created with the resignation of one of the employees. We have posted the opening and are actively looking to fill the position.

6. We are discussing an inter-Governmental Agreement with Taney County on repair and maintenance of our large service trucks.

Building inspections:

1. 6 Dangerous Buildings owners were sent out letters (6 owners) The letters contain the violation and the corresponding city code, 10 days to correct the violation and notice that failure to comply may result in a summons to Municipal court.

2. We have several properties that are very much a danger to the public and need attention.

3. There are several other code enforcement cases listed in the back of your packet.

4. I've asked William to spend some time taking a close look at all the city's buildings and create a report on the structure's current maintenance needs.

Constituent Services

772 Shadowrock,

The lift station is now operational, we made the decision to rebuild the entire lift station to like new status. The parts are ordered and on their way.

A smoke test was performed on the residence, and it was discovered that there are multiple leaks in the homeowner's system. We have done all we can do on this location until the repairs are made to the home. We also tested the drinking water at this location and the results came back as safe with no contaminants.

I have contacted several not for profits about finding help for low-income homeowners to repair the leaks in their sewer systems.

220 Santa Fe

A constituent called and stated that the culvert wasn't draining correctly. Alderman Mathenia and I performed a site visit and determined that the culvert had in fact silted up to the point where it would not function properly. Missouri one call has been notified to mark the location and repairs will most likely take place late this week.