

October administrators update

On or around September 15th, well #3 got struck by lightning. We initially thought that the pump had sustained a catastrophic failure due to the surge, however after beginning to pull the pump, the repair technicians realized that the failure manifested itself as two burnt wires about 2 feet down the well. The original repair estimate was for \$22,250. The actual cost to repair 3,200.00



If there is a silver lining to this incident, it is that we didn't have to spend \$22,000 for a new pump. We had started an insurance claim on the well and later rescinded the claim.



Alan attended a full 10-day workshop at MODNR beginning October 1, 2024, he will need this class for his eligibility to take the Class D license in January (or sooner). Allen was invited to attend this class by E.C. Wells from DNR. As you know, we are operating under a special operating agreement with DNR. Progress continues to be made on the suggested repairs list for both wastewater plants. Every time we make voluntary contact with DNR only helps us stay in their good graces.



The roof of the laboratory and two of the smaller outbuildings was replaced.

The electronic monitoring system is still in the design and discovery phase. The funding request is at the Taney County Commission awaiting final approval.



Considering the Florida Hurricanes this month, we are thinking through some additional scenarios for post storm management. I have contacted a company that specializes in the sales and servicing of standby generators. The city should consider having

one installed for the fire department/city hall which will serve as our Emergency Operations Center should a severe storm impact our community. The downtown wastewater plant has a generator that we cycled (started) during the site visit. It appears to be ready to go. Well #5 also has a generator in place that will supply the Skyline Hills area with water. The main part of the city will be reliant on a portable generator that can be moved to Well #3 and Well #2. Currently we only have one lift station equipped with a generator. The other 36 lift stations will have to be manually serviced should we have a long-term outage. We are continuing to work out a plan should this occur. There are some FEMA grants available that I have been working on to possibly fund some of the needed generators.

Work on the tennis courts and the new pickleball courts is continuing. The mayor has expressed interest in the city hosting a pickleball tournament. I think this is a good idea, it will bring participants into the city and show the city has a renewed interest in the park system. We will need to solicit outside help in preparing and promoting the event.

Sales tax update: We are up 2.60 % over budgeted for the month, and 5.60% for the year. Revenues are down \$14,362 over last year.

We will be closing the lobby access to staff on election day for security reasons, the drive-up window will be open for constituents to pay bills. This election will have a very large turnout, we will expect large numbers of voters. The building will be on heightened security status.

We have been meeting with some of the owners of properties on the dangerous buildings list. Most of the owners are respectful of the request and agree to move forward with repairs. One, however, has postured up. We will need to issue citations soon due to the property owner ignoring the repeated requests from the city.

We would like to welcome to the staff Ann Roberts our new bookkeeper, and Scott Brasher, Assistant Fire Chief.