

Mayor's Corner

February 2017 Edition

Spring is in the air! At least that's what it has felt like over the last several weeks with temperatures eclipsing 70 degrees at times. Lots of activity out at the golf course, city lake, as well as folks working in their yards, cleaning up winter leaves and limbs. All so wonderful to see, however, I am sure mother nature might decide to visit with a cold blast or two before the official spring season presents itself. In the meantime, like all of you, I am enjoying the opportunity to get outside when possible and enjoy the spring-like weather.

There are numerous updates since last month's Mayor's Corner. We have a new team member in our water department. Please stop by and welcome Collin Jones to the city team as our new water clerk. Collin comes to our team from the good folks at Goppert Bank where she previously held a part-time position. Collin will be working full time at the city as our water clerk as well as handling additional administrative functions. We are very excited to have Collin on board the city's team.

The city comprehensive plan surveys have been coming back at a strong pace. The deadline for getting your surveys back in is March 2nd. Please make every effort to complete either the residential and/or business surveys to ensure your voice is heard. If you did not receive a survey, please feel free to come by city hall and pick one up. This is for OUR future plans in Lawson.

“Watch Us Grow”. This is the tag line that I want to engrain in our minds as well as those that live in surrounding communities and/or are looking for a place to call home. We have some impressive things going on in Lawson. Listed below are just a few of the many things happening in Lawson. Spread the word!

- New Dawn Fiber – If you have not heard the news, New Dawn Fiber is already in Lawson. That's right, New Dawn Fiber with their fiber optics service currently has laid lines up Sylvey road and are at the grade school coming into town. Though they are not live as of yet, we will have service opportunities in 2017. I would encourage all of you to take a look at New Dawn Fiber at newdawnfiber.com. They offer solutions for phone, internet, and television. You can get more details through their website as well as contacting or calling them. This is a significant opportunity for Lawson and I encourage all residents to look into the future of fiber optics.
- MGE – Missouri Gas Energy is putting in gas lines down 184th street and will be running gas down 69 Hwy on the East side of the road. This again is very exciting for the future of Lawson for growth and development of both residential and commercial opportunities.

What is thrilling about both of these areas of growth and improvements for Lawson is that this is not costing the city or taxpayers one cent. Yet, the opportunities that fiber optics and natural gas bring to Lawson are significant and bring long-term benefits to our town.

Please be on the look-out for information and updates on the city's website. We are in the process of overhauling it with a team of folks led by Marcia Petty, Steve Sellers, Ben Hyde, and Don Petree. Once completed, I know that you will enjoy the significant improvements that are being made. This is

something that has been on our radar for roughly 6 months. Next, we will look to update and upgrade our city's logo. More to come on how you can be a part of the future.

If you have not been downtown lately, the deconstruction of the Lawson Super is well on its way. We are all excited to see the progression of this project and are looking forward to watching the new structure begin being built in the coming months.

Finally, with the nice weather we have experienced recently, the Parks & Recreation Committee is back in full swing beautifying our town. Over the weekend this group led by Tim Broughton and Eric Klintworth put in a new bridge at the southeast corner of the lake to address the low water crossing. The bridge is not only cosmetically appealing but, the functionality and purpose that it serves is a significant benefit. In addition to work at the lake, Trey Green and team have been working hard on preparing the sports complex for spring ball and the fields are in great shape.

As always, great job team as always.

Important Upcoming Dates

- February 27, 2017 - 6:00 PM City Council Meeting
- March 1, 2017 – Lawson Bank lighting ceremony

Your Mayor

Greg Taylor