

Mayor's Corner August 2017 Edition

August has just about come and gone. Many of you have welcomed school being back in session, getting our children back and building their minds for the future. With the beginning of school, many of your children are involved in fall activities and it is once again great to hear the whistles blowing at the Friday night football games. Good luck to all the students involved in all fall activities.

It has been a very busy summer up at City Hall and around Lawson. You have seen in the paper and first hand all the activity going on with the numerous infrastructure projects that have been started, and in some cases completed, like streets, public works facility, and the city lake. If you have not gotten the chance to go out and see all the improvements at the city lake, I encourage you to do so. It has become a wonderful site for our city and I look forward to additional expansion in 2018 with the possibility of RV/Camper pads and amenities. As stated in my original 10-point plan, the city lake is a wonderful asset that up until this past year was significantly underutilized. We believe Lawson can be a destination for folks that are looking for an alternative to Watkins Mill and/or Smithville lake to come out and enjoy some family fun. Watch for more news on the city lake in the future.

I want to personally thank all of you that made it a point to come out and vote on August 8th and overwhelmingly voted YES on the Use Tax. This again was money that is currently sitting in the state's coffers and is tax that you and I are paying on internet sales that we have not been capturing in the past. Though the amount might not be large today, every dollar counts and we have more infrastructure needs and opportunities through the comprehensive plan to further improve our town.

I would like to again encourage all citizens to come out to our monthly city council meetings and get a firsthand understanding of all the activity that we have going on, as well as, plans for the future. It is a great time to interact with the council members, city administrator, department heads, and myself. This coming Monday will be an exciting meeting as we will have a public hearing on the proposed tax rates for 2018. The good news is we are proposing a roll back of the tax rates to that which we had in 2015. This naturally is very exciting and in today's world rolling taxes back is rarely heard of. Please come out to the council meeting on Monday to hear more.

We have some very exciting times ahead of us with the next big initiative surrounding the sale of our water and sewer assets. We will be developing some informational brochures as well as having town hall meetings in the coming months. Please be on the lookout for these educational opportunities to get a firsthand understanding of how this will impact our town and yourselves. This may be one of the biggest initiatives in the most recent history for Lawson and can shape our opportunities for the future.

- August 28th – 6:00 pm City Council Meeting

Your Mayor,

Greg Taylor