

Mayor's Corner

December 2017 Edition



I hope this edition finds all of you doing well and getting ready for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. This edition is going to be dedicated to a year in review. It has been a very busy year in Lawson and there has been significant work done to date and more projects slated for 2018 as we focus our efforts around infrastructure improvements and staying the course on our goals that were developed out of the comprehensive plan. With your support of the sale of our sewer and water assets to Missouri American Water, we will have more financial resources to make great strides towards achieving many of our goals. We have a driven team between our city staff, parks and recreation board, and alderman that want to see Lawson grow. We want to be the town where people around the greater Kansas City area talk about all of the good things going on in Lawson. We truly have a bright future ahead of us in Lawson. So, here we go. The lists of projects are expansive with many more projects planned for 2018. We will focus our efforts in 2018 on projects and plans that will either save Lawson money or make money driven around our goals.

Infrastructure projects completed and/or started in 2016 -2017

✓ **Streets**

- Asphalt
 - 10th Street
 - West Street
 - Blair Street
 - Cardinal Circle
 - Nolker Drive
 - S. Pennsylvania Ave
 - 1st Street
 - Kings Drive
 - 184th Street
 - Salem
 - Moss to RR
 - City Lake

- West 5th Street
- Garner
- Milwaukee
- Montgomery

✓ **Water**

- Silvey Road – Water Loop Project
- Additional Fire Hydrants
- Country View to Raum – Water Loop Projects
- Powder horn – Water Line Upgrade
- Salem – New Main and Water Loop

✓ **Storm Water**

- Montgomery – Storm Water Work
- Nolker & Cardinal – Storm Water Project
- D Highway & Raum/Mabel – Storm Water Study

Grant Projects:

- ✓ Police grant to replace hand held radio equipment (Bruce Summa)
- ✓ TAP Grant – Shepherd to Pennsylvania sidewalk project
- ✓ MO Conservation Grant – City Lake
 - Sidewalks
 - Dock
 - New Restrooms
- ✓ Waste Water Grant – Study Lagoon for future needs

All Other Relevant Improvements/Projects;

- ✓ Organic Land Fill at City Lot
- ✓ GPS Mapping
 - All Sewer and Water Lines
 - Manhole Mapping
- ✓ ACE Pipe Cleaning – Video Taping of all Sewer Lines
- ✓ Completion of the 2017 Lawson Comprehensive Plan
- ✓ Develop & Implement New Website
- ✓ Replacement of N. Raum pump station
- ✓ Shepherd drive storm water project, on-going
- ✓ Road painting, on-going
- ✓ Re-stripe parking areas on Pennsylvania pending
- ✓ Improved lighting at City Hall
- ✓ Rebuild deck on police station
- ✓ Grocery Store Feasibility study and work to bring grocery store to town
- ✓ Replacement of old police car with new one
- ✓ New snow plow equipment
- ✓ New 4x4 utility vehicle for Public Works
- ✓ Passing of the sale of water and sewer assets to MOAW
- ✓ Passing of Use Tax to bring in internet sales tax
- ✓ Repainting curbs around the City

- ✓ Paving the Cardinal Complex baseball parking lot
- ✓ City Park Improvements
- ✓ City Wide Cleanup

Missouri American Water proceeds

- ✓ Paying off lights at Cardinal Complex
- ✓ Paying off water towers

As you can see, it has been a very busy, but productive year in 2017 and we have much more planned for 2018. I would like to leave you all with this final note. As you may know, my current two year term is coming to a conclusion at the end of March of 2018. With this being said, after strong consideration and discussions with my wife and the city staff, I have made my decision to run for another two year term. We have a lot more work to do and the future looks bright. I appreciate all of the support that so many of you have shown me since taking office in April of 2016. I am proud to call Lawson my home and I look forward to our continued progress and growth.

- Decembe28th – 6:30 PM City Council Meeting

Your Mayor,

Greg Taylor