

Mayor's Corner
June 2017 Edition

I hope all of you are enjoying the summer months. For all the fathers, I hope that you had a wonderful Father's Day full of activities with family and friends. The summer months are bringing much activity to our wonderful town. There is construction happening all throughout our town much of which is part of the \$4.5M bond, which you passed last year. Please be patient as we progress toward a brighter future.

First off, I want to welcome back Chief Robert Smith to the police department. Robert has successfully battled cancer and has been released to come back to work. We are very happy for Robert that he has successfully beaten this horrific disease and is back on the beat leading our police department. Welcome back Robert! Secondly, I want to congratulate the VFW for getting the shell of their new facility completed in time for fireworks sales. This is a major fundraiser for the VFW and is pivotal for their growth. In the coming months you will see continued activity around the new VFW building as there is more work to be done both inside and out.

I am excited to announce that as part of our economic stimulus, we have offered up incentives for residential and commercial builders. We currently have issued 10 permits in the last 6 months, which is more than we have had in the last ten years. These permits eliminate numerous front end cost for these builders. Additionally, we have developed a one-page fact sheet for developers outside of the Lawson area providing facts and tips regarding the many benefits of building in Lawson. This again is both residential and commercial.

Finally, if you have not been out at the city lake in a while, I encourage you to head out and see all of the improvements that the Parks & Recreation Team have been working on around the lake. Some of the projects include a new shelter house, trail improvements, butterfly garden, and exercise stations. Their sites are set high for 2018 as the ultimate goal will be to have camping pads out at the lake with electrical and water hook-ups, as

well as shower house amenities for those that are looking for an upgraded camping experience. This Spring, the lake was stocked with over 400 channel catfish as well as other varieties of fish. Additionally, the city has received a grant from DNR last year to make improvements to the parking area, rip-wrap around the jetty, new bathrooms, and fishing dock with handicap access.

We have a lot to be proud of in Lawson and in the coming months/years, I believe we will even have much more to celebrate.

- July 1, – Patriotic Celebration – Hidden Valley Golf Course @ dusk
- July 6th – 8th – Lawson Picnic
- July 13, – 6:30 pm City Council Working Session
- July 24, - 6:00 pm City Council Meeting

Your Mayor,

Greg Taylor