

Mayor's Corner
July 2017 Edition

I hope this edition finds everyone doing well and those that have vacation plans with family and friends are enjoying the Summer. The heat has arrived over the past few weeks and the dog days of summer are here. I guess it is all perspective, meaning, if you like the heat (like me) it is great. If you like cold and snow, well that will be in the upcoming months. In the meantime, let us enjoy longer days of sunlight.

I wanted to start this month's corner with a sincere thank you to the folks at Hidden Valley golf course / Mulligans as well as the Chamber of Commerce and of course, our Parks and Recreation board for a wonderful Patriotic Celebration. The fireworks display at the golf course was tremendous. This was a different overall venue and feel to this year's event versus prior years at Mellon's. I am confident that this will be even much more improved in the coming years with this group collaboratively working together to make this event something that not only Lawson guests want to attend but those from the surrounding communities. In addition to the Patriotic Celebration, I want to give a special shout out to the Parks & Recreation Board for another successful Lawson picnic. There was significant support from the numerous vendors and the weather, though hot, was cooperative. We continue to discuss the Lawson picnic and have new ideas for 2018 that will further enhance the family/ community experience and to market this event to draw guests from surrounding communities.

As for city government business, we are moving at a very fast pace driven by the relentless efforts of our city administrator, Steve Sellers. Lawson is truly fortunate to have Steve on the team and I am excited about what is not only currently being done, but more encouraged about what is being planned for the future. These are truly exciting times for Lawson. We did receive word from the Ray County Commissioner that the wooden bridge on North Raum that provides access to the city lake is number two on the list to be replaced in Ray County. No set date at this time, but hopefully in the next 18 months.

We are actively working on numerous projects that are both visible as well as many forthcoming projects such as;

- ✓ Strategy development of the top comprehensive plan points
 - ✓ Use Tax
 - ✓ Street resurfacing focused on the worst streets
 - ✓ Bank drive through resurfacing (wow, what an improvement)
 - ✓ City lake improvements (see attached pictures)
 - ✓ Grocery store discussions
 - ✓ Developers interested in the excitement they are hearing about Lawson
 - ✓ Cleaning up nuisance violations including vacant homes
- July 24 - 6:00 pm City Council Meeting
 - Town hall discussions surrounding the proposed Use Tax on the ballot for August 8th

Your Mayor,

Greg Taylor

