

Mayor's Corner

November 2017 Edition



I simply and sincerely say Thank You! Once again, you the citizens have spoken and put your trust in me, the city council, and our city leadership with your overwhelming voting YES to the sale of our city sewer and water on November 7th. This naturally was not a decision that was taken lightly and there was over 10 months of background work that was done reviewing this strategic initiative to sell our water and sewer. Partnering with Missouri American Water will bring significant stability to the future of our sewer and water with a company that has the scope and scale to address our current and future needs.

This vote of confidence by our citizens will allow the city to continue to focus on existing infrastructure needs such as streets and storm water. We made great progress in addressing numerous streets in 2017 and intend to continue this in 2018 and beyond to address all streets in Lawson as well as numerous storm water projects which have been identified and will begin to be addressed in 2018. Finally, with the sale of our sewer and water, we will be able to focus on many new opportunities that we had outlined in the recent town hall meetings such as activities for all ages, further expansion of the city lake project, commercial opportunities, and continued residential growth.

Many of you have asked, "What will the city do with the money that we receive from the sale of our sewer and water which is roughly \$4 million dollars". We will first pay off any existing indebtedness that we may have from sewer and water. We then will focus our efforts on the city goals that were developed out of the comprehensive plan to invest in opportunities that bring financial return to Lawson. As well, some have inquired about your trash billing which today is included on your water billing statement each month. We have been reviewing alternatives and will have something to share with the community in the coming months. The transition of our water and sewer to Missouri American Water will take roughly 60 to 90 days during which time you will continue to receive your water, sewer, and trash billings the same as you currently do. As we get closer to the completion of the sale, we will be back to you with future instruction on your new billing procedures for water, sewer, & trash.

Next week is Thanksgiving and from the alderman, city administrator, and city staff, and myself, we wish you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving. May your time with family and friends be filled with joy & laughter!

It is a great day in Lawson and I along with the entire city staff and alderman say "Thank You"

- November 23rd - Thanksgiving
- November 27th - 6:30 pm City Council Meeting

Your Mayor,

Greg Taylor