

## Mayor's Corner

March 2018 Edition



I hope you all have a wonderful Easter weekend with family and friends. Jacque and I were honored to be part of the Easter egg hunt out at the city lake this past Saturday morning. Mother-nature semi cooperated with overcast skies and temperatures that were not optimal. However, the Easter egg hunt went off without a hitch. There was a good turnout of boys and girls excited to hunt Easter eggs and visit with the Easter bunny while getting into the Easter spirit. This of course was another Lawson city-wide event that was hosted by our incredible parks & recreation team. I am so proud to call Lawson home and see so many families enjoying events such as the annual Easter egg hunt. Parks & recreation team, great job!

We are a few weeks into the Spring season of day light savings and it is wonderful to have more and more daylight each and every day. Soon we will hear lawn mowers being fired up and children laughing and playing in the warmth of the spring days.

The city has been very busy working on numerous projects as you may have seen in recent editions of the Lawson review. Everything from the championship Frisbee golf course, RV camping park, splash-park, indoor shooting range, and of course the continued pursuit of a possible grocery store are all at the forefront. From the grocery store front, a small group of us have had numerous meetings with a very large grocery wholesale supplier here in Kansas City called Associated Wholesale Grocers. They are helping us make possible contact with various different grocery store ownership groups to discuss the interest level in opening up a store in Lawson. With the amount of existing competitive grocery operations in Excelsior Springs and Kearney (two Price Choppers, one Aldi, and a Walmart Supercenter) all within less than 10 miles of Lawson, attracting the right grocery opportunity will be key. This will not happen overnight, but we are aggressively pursuing all opportunities.

Couple the above activity with some research that we are doing surrounding a possible solar community. Alternative energy has been a hot topic for several years. With this being said, we are researching how this might be a possible play

for Lawson and how we might be able to use solar energy throughout the community. Be looking for more on this one as we will be meeting with a number of solar companies in the coming weeks. Finally, our continued drive to clean-up Lawson. The city has been diligently pursuing code enforcement on uninhabited houses. These vacant properties impact all of us with homes that are unoccupied and in many cases present an unacceptable eyesore for the community. Not to mention they take needed inventory out of circulation for possible new homeowners.

I want to thank so many of you for the positive comments that I have heard recently while out campaigning for my re-election as your Mayor. Though I am running this term unopposed, it is important for me to hear from the citizens of Lawson if the city council, city manager, and I are providing strong leadership and building a sustainable future for Lawson. This is a wonderful place we live in and the future is filled with so much promise. It is an honor being your Mayor.

- March 26<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM City Council Meeting @ City Hall
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Election Day – Lawson Mayor and Council Member Race (City Hall), as well as Ray County 911 \$0.01 Sales Tax levy

Your Mayor,

*Greg Taylor*