

Mayor's Corner
May 2018 Edition



I hope this month's corner finds all of you doing well. We have finally turned the corner from old man Winter, to what feels and looks like Summer. However, I am not complaining. I would like to start off this month's corner by congratulating all of our seniors who graduated this past Sunday. We wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors. Additionally, for those college seniors who may have graduated this month, congratulations and we wish you much luck as you jump into the career path market.

This week we will get to partake and enjoy in the annual Lawson picnic which begins Thursday May 24th and runs through Saturday May 26th. As always, the carnival will be in town and there will be a host of activities daily for family and friends to enjoy. The full schedule of activities can be found on the parks & recreation website and well as posted schedule of activities can be found at city hall. I would like to give a special "Thank You" to the Parks & Recreation Board. This is one of the hardest working groups I have ever been associated with led by Tim Broughton who give so many unpaid hours of their time to provide so much beauty and happiness to all of Lawson. If you see them out and about this week or during the Lawson picnic, please tell them thank you and if so desired, give them a hug. They deserve it!

- City Lake – Frisbee golf is well on its way towards completion of the 18-hole championship course. There is still work to be done in putting tee boxes and yardage markers in as well as clearing some debris. If you were out at the lake this past weekend you may have seen our very own Steve Sellers on his tractor clearing paths for the Frisbee golf course. In addition to Frisbee golf, dirt continues to be moved for the new RV Park. Utilities are being mapped and gravel is being laid. Finally, the old water treatment plant is all but torn down and being removed for future opportunities. The lake is a place that I have so much vision for family fun as well as bringing visitors from around the region to our wonderful town to enjoy many activities at the city lake.
- Bond Updates –We will continue to focus on various bond projects in 2018, 2019, and 2020. You have seen a significant amount of work being done on

D Hwy near the Lawson Assembly of God and Millie's. This is part of a storm water project identified over a year ago and is finally coming to fruition. Projects like these and others unfortunately do not happen overnight especially when you have to get multiple qualified bids, working with engineering firms and the DOT (department of transportation). It is successful projects like these that will bring continued longevity to Lawson. You will continue to see many visible projects such as street, water, and storm water projects over the next several years as we continue to focus on both existing and new infrastructure here in Lawson.

This past Saturday, a few of the alderman, Steve Seller's, and myself sat down to discuss many of these current and future projects as well as strategies for the future. I am excited about the path that we have paved in the past few years yet I am more excited about our future. Be on the look-out for a filming crew who will be in town this weekend and in the weeks to come filming a promotional video marketing Lawson. This is truly exciting and will be a vehicle which we will use to promote our wonderful town for residence who want to bring their families to a safe family friendly community with so many amenities to offer. Additionally, we will use this tool to promote commercial development opportunities through additional restaurants, retail outlets, and a possible grocery store. We have much to be excited about and as we work on the plans for the next year, I will in the coming months share with you our vision for the next two – five years. As I have quoted too many people, groups, and organizations outside of Lawson, "Come Watch Us Grow" well, we are growing and I am excited about the future.

I want to close this month's corner with a special thank you to Jack Woodring, Rick Thomas, and Steve Seller's for their tireless and relentless efforts working with the rail road and county to address the need for a new bridge on N. Raum leading to the city lake. I am very pleased to report that through these gentleman's hard work and relentless follow-up, the first step in this process is complete. We have recently been given a signed letter from the railroad advising they will support and financially contribute to the cost of building this new bridge. Though there is still a significant amount of work to do it all starts with this first step that is completed. Jack, Rick, and Steve, on behalf of the entire city, we thank you.

- May 21st – 6:30 PM City Council Meeting @ City Hall
- Lawson Picnic – May 24th – 26th

Your Mayor,

Greg Taylor