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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK 06/01/2023

GREETINGS:

We spent a tremendous amount of time in the community last week. Many negative things challenge us, and we need to visualize what we need to do to correct them and build relationships that will be beneficial in getting the materials and funds we need to fix them!

WE WELCOME AND NEED YOUR INPUT!

I'll be spending Mondays and Fridays out in the community! If you have an issue you want to discuss or have an idea you want to share, call city hall in advance at 314-867-0076, and we'll come by and visit! You can also make an appointment to see me!

WHAT'S BEEN DONE:

- Lori Lenz, Director of Finance, and I met with Ms. Angela Dorn of SIKICH LLC on Wednesday, May 24th, and reviewed the preliminary draft of our 2020-2021 audit.
- Directors Jimmy Kirincich, Jeff Ross, Colonel Jeremy Ihler, and I toured our parks on Monday, May 22, 2023, to assess their condition for our National League of Cities Urban Forestry grant application. We are asking for \$5.2m to enhance and revitalize ALL our parks.!
- I attended the Missouri Municipal Leagues Dinner, which was held at the Renaissance Hotel. The dinner was held to install new officers for the 2023-2024 year.
- We were a sponsor for the Missouri Veterans Home Memorial Day Holiday Celebration. I attended the celebration on Saturday.
- We've hired a full-time Code Enforcer.
- I met with Susan Harris to discuss possibly utilizing the property at 9500 Bellefontaine Rd.
- I met with several citizens concerning code violations in their Wards.
- I met with Venus Mertz and Kitty Harrison from The Greater North Chamber of Commerce about the city renewing our membership.
- I met with the Mayor of Florissant, Tim Lowery, about development and collaboration.
- We held our final budget meeting for the 2023-2024 budget year.

HEALTH:

- Vents in the Police Department have been cleaned and sanitized.
- Vents in City Hall have been cleaned and sanitized.

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE:

- Hire a City Administrator.
- Hire a part-time Assistant Finance Director.
- Hire a full-time Maintenance person.
- Hire a full-time Building Inspector.

- Appoint Citizens to serve on Boards and Commissions.
Sec 2-282 [Ord. No. 1493 , § 1, 9-5-1991]

The members of the commission established by this article shall be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the board of aldermen. They shall serve terms of office concurrent with the mayor until their successors are duly appointed and qualified.

- a. (6) Youth Commission
 - b. (5) Human Relations Commission
 - c. (5) Public Safety Commission
 - d. (5) Citizen Advisory Commission (still needs to be established).
 - e. (5) Economic Development Commission (still needs to be established).
 - f. (5) Human Resource Commission (still needs to be established).
- We will apply for The Department of Transportation Safe Streets and Roads Grant. This allows us to receive additional funds to assist us with repairing ALL streets, enhancing lighting, and putting down street humps.
 - We will apply for the Department of Economic Development CDBG Grant.

SECURITY:

- A new security door system needs to be installed on the front and side doors in City Hall.
- A new security door system needs to be installed on the back doors of the Police Station.
- New lighting and bulbs must be replaced in front of the Recreation Center.
- New lighting must be installed, and bulbs changed in front of City Hall.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- I'll teach a **FREE** 6-week grant writing class from Tuesday, June 20th to Tuesday, August 1st. Classes will be held virtually and in person at the Rec. Center. Call City Hall at 314-867-0076 to register.

- The Housing Resource and Finance Summit will be held on Saturday, July 15, 2023, from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. at the Rec. Center. Information will be posted on Nextdoor, the city website, and the Facebook page. If you want to be part of the planning committee, call city hall at 314-867-0076.
- **ON JUNE 19, 2025 our City turns 75 years old. We want to start planning for this momentous occasion. If you want to join the planning committee, call city hall at 314-867-0076. Planning meetings will begin in August.**