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FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK 01/01/2024 – 02/14/2024

GREETINGS:

It was exciting to see several of you attend the “Meet and Greet” for the final two candidates for Chief of Police. I welcome the board of Alderman to join me in choosing the best candidate to serve our police officers and citizens.

Sec. 21-31 Office created; appointment. [1]

[Code 1964, § 2-33; Ord. No. 1874 §§ 1 — 2, 2-15-2001; Ord. No. 2208 § 1, 2-2-2012]

There is hereby created the office of chief of police of the city. The chief of police shall be appointed by the mayor, with the approval of a majority of the members of the board of aldermen, and shall serve at the pleasure of the mayor and board. Salary for the office of chief of police shall be established by the board of aldermen from time to time. *State law reference — Appointment of chief of police, RSMo. § 79.050*

- 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. Meetings will be held in person and via Zoom**

WHAT'S BEEN DONE:

- Code Enforcer Felecia Bishop and I attended two meetings with the St. Louis County Council and one with Dr. Sam Page concerning the County's Post Third program.
- Directors Jimmy Kirincich and Jeff Ross and I had a Zoom conference meeting with Hannah Milos, Midwest Urban and Community Forestry Specialist, and Jill Johnson, Midwest Urban and Community Forestry Coordinator, to discuss revisions and the implementation process for our \$1,000,000 grant.

- Held meetings with Police Officers to hear their concerns.
- Met with several Citizens to discuss their concerns.
- I attended the board meeting for NCI (North County Incorporated).
- Met with Staff and Employees to discuss their concerns.
- I taught grant writing classes.

HEALTH:

- All cloth furniture needs to be steamed and cleaned.

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE:

- Send out another RFQ for the FY2022 Auditing services.
- Send out another RFQ for boardroom video and audio equipment.
- Hire a part-time Assistant Finance Clerk.
- Hire an Administrative Assistant for the Mayor.
- Hire a full-time Building Inspector.
- Appoint and Reappoint 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.

- (6) Youth Commission
- (5) Public Safety Commission
- (2) Planning & Zoning Commission
- (5) Citizen Advisory Commission (still needs to be established).
- (5) Economic Development Commission (still needs to be established).
- (5) Human Resource Commission (still needs to be established).

SECURITY:

- New key system for all doors in City Hall and the Recreation Center.
- Upgrade lights in both parking lots.
- New time keeping system for payroll.

EQUIPMENT:

- We need to purchase four copiers. Two for Public Works departments, and 2 are for the front office.
- New phone system.

- New computers for City Hall and the Recreation Center.
ALL of our technology systems are antiquated and in disrepair. The phone systems are constantly inoperable! These interruptions cause delays in communication with citizens, contractors, and service providers.

What's Happening Next:

- **Starting in May, we will hold community meetings to get input from citizens concerning our \$1,000,000 grant award.**
- **If you want to help write grants for the city, you can join the grant writing class on Tuesdays. Class is 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm at the Recreation Center via Zoom. Call city hall at 314-867-0076 to register.**
- **Also starting in May every 2nd Wednesday from 10:00 am. -I will be having breakfast with our Seniors. This will allow them to express their needs and what they want to see happen in our city.**
- **We will schedule town hall meetings to discuss allocating the remaining ARAP (American Rescue Act Plan) funds. Meeting times will be scheduled for mornings, afternoons, and evenings to accommodate ALL citizens.**