



## **City Administrator's Report**

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September 2, 2021

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### **Utility Rate Increase Process**

As discussed at the last work session, utility rate increases are necessary to support the water and wastewater systems. Per state statute, increases to wastewater rates require a public hearing, with a 30-day public notification. Notification of an October 19 public hearing will be in the Courier-Tribune next week. This timing will require approval of the rate increase as an emergency ordinance on October 19 (both readings on the same date, in conjunction with second reading of all other FY2022 budget items.)

### **Setting the Property Tax Levy**

Earlier this summer, staff reported that changes to the Clay County Charter changed dates that the City will receive certified tax information from the county and the date by which the City must set the tax rate. Staff has heard from Clay County staff and anticipate receiving county tax information on or near September 10. This would allow publication of notice of a public hearing for the tax rate prior to the September 21 Board meeting. Staff continues to anticipate setting the rate at that meeting. If there are delays in receipt of information from Clay County, a special meeting may be required. Staff will continue to keep the Board apprised of the situation.

### **Police Recruit Academy Graduation**

Police Recruits Colby Matthys and Landon Summerville are nearing completion of their coursework at the Platte County Police Academy. Graduation is scheduled for Thursday, September 9. Colby and Landon will be sworn in as Smithville Police Officers and begin their field training Friday, September 10.

### **Fall Youth Sports**

Fall youth sports are in full swing. Practices started over the past three weeks and games will begin later this month. Fall t-ball, volleyball, soccer and a soccer clinic are all being offered by Smithville Parks and Recreation.

Registration numbers:

Volleyball: 49 (record high)

Soccer: 176 (compared to 113 last fall)

Soccer clinic: 32 (8 spots remain open, max registration is 40)  
T-ball: 68 (lower registration number than last fall [84] and this spring [140]. This is the first time we have offered t-ball twice in one year, possibly affecting participation).

Overall, all the programs are continuing to grow and receive positive feedback from the parent surveys.

### **Public Works Update**

Attached is information from Public Works Director Chuck Soules regarding progress on a number of projects throughout the community. In addition, this week staff had a productive meeting with Evergy regarding utility easement use associated with the newly aligned south sewer project. Survey of the easement area and discussions are ongoing and Evergy has indicated a willingness to work with the City regarding use of the utility right of way.

### **Debt Issuance – Utility Projects**

As discussed during budget development, issuance of debt will be required to finance water and wastewater projects over the coming year. As presented, and approved by the Board, issuance of COP (Certificates of Participation) debt is the preferred financing option. This does not require voter approval. Staff has been working with financial advisers at Piper Sandler to develop a debt issuance schedule. That schedule is attached for your information. Staff will work with Piper Sandler staff and advisors at Gillmore and Bell on this process.

### **Highland Drive**

Work has begun on the Highland Drive Sanitary Sewer Project.



### **Streetscape Phase II**

Construction continues on the Streetscape project. Completion date is later in October



Brick accents



Drainage ditch south side Main and Smith Streets

### **America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA)**

Staff is working on completing the implementation plan for the completed Risk assessment.

### **Transportation Master Plan**

Work continues on the TMP. The next steering committee meeting is September 9<sup>th</sup>. The committee will be discussing the survey results, Draft Complete Streets Policy, traffic forecasts and school connectivity.

## **Solid Waste Collection**

On the agenda for 9/7 : **Senior Discount on Residential Sanitation Fees**

Beginning on November 1<sup>st</sup>, Smithville residents 65 years of age and older are eligible to sign up for a 15% reduction on the Residential Trash & Recycling portion of the Residential Sanitation Fees.

In order to receive the discount, the utility bill must be in the name of the resident signing up. You must fill out an agreement form and provide proof of age to Utility Billing to activate the discount.

## **Hazardous Household Waste Event**

### **It's not too late to volunteer to help!**

In partnership with the Mid-America Regional Council, the City of Smithville will be hosting the Household Hazardous Waste Event on Saturday, September 11, 2021. This event will occur rain or shine. Participating communities in the Regional HHW Collection Program can attend any of the collection events. Proof of residence is required at the event. The event will be held at Smithville High School from 8 a.m. to noon, or **until the truck is full**.

Residents can bring paint and paint-related products, automotive fluids, batteries, lawn and garden chemicals, glues and adhesives, household cleaners, etc. NO ELECTRONICS! No Business Waste will be accepted this includes non-profits, churches, home-based businesses, and rental property owners.

If you are unable to attend this event, there will be collection events through the month of October, and you are able to take your HHW products free of charge to the permanent HHW Facilities located in Kansas City, MO and Lee's Summit, MO.

For more information please visit: <https://www.marc.org/Environment/Solid-Waste/District-Programs-and-Projects/Household-Hazardous-Waste>

## **Bulky Item Pick Up Event**

Bulky Item Pick Up is scheduled for the week of September 20<sup>th</sup> – September 24<sup>th</sup>.

Residents will have the opportunity to discard up to five large and bulky items at their curbside with regular trash collection.

Items such as appliances, washers, dryers, refrigerators and freezers with compressors and Freon removed, furniture, sinks, toilets, cabinets as well as rugs and carpet cut into 4-foot lengths will be accepted. All items must be stacked and bundled for collections.

The following items are not accepted: glass items, e-waste (televisions, computers, monitors, etc.) tires, automobile parts, construction materials, tanks, oil drums, railroad ties, chemicals or household hazardous waste.

## **Parks and Rec / PW Facility**

Staff visited a couple facilities in the KC area with the consultants to see what works and what doesn't. Space needs analysis is being conducted.

# City of Smithville, Missouri

## Certificates of Participation

### Series 2022

### Draft Timetable

JULY 2022							AUGUST 2022							SEPTEMBER 2022							OCTOBER 2022						
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Date	Event
July 19, 2022	Review Plan of Finance and Timetable
August 2, 2022	Board of Aldermen approves “Go to Market” Resolution
August 5, 2022	Distribute First Draft of Preliminary Official Statement (POS), Notice of Sale and related legal documents
August 10, 2022	Submit Financing Information to Rating Agency
August 24, 2022	Rating Conference Call (subject to availability)
September 2, 2022	Project Bid. Finalize Certificate Rating and Size Distribute POS and Notice of Sale
September 20, 2022	Competitive Sale of Certificates and approval of financing ordinance
September 26, 2022	Final Official Statement printed
October 4, 2022	Prepare and distribute Closing Memorandum
October 11, 2022	Certificates Closing / Delivery of Funds