



## City Administrator's Report

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### Employee Recognition

You will note in the agenda for Tuesday's meeting is a Proclamation acknowledging 40 years of service to the city by Robert Matthews.

Robert began in 1971 as a Police Officer for the City of Smithville. In 1978 he went to work for Purina in St. Joseph. On July 1, 1982, Robert returned to the City as a maintenance worker in the Streets Department. At that time there were only two maintenance workers and a water plant operator. Robert was paid \$5 per hour and provided maintenance not only on streets but also for water lines and sewer lines and both water and wastewater plants.

Robert enjoys the people he works with and when asked about what he appreciates today about his position, Robert is glad that the tractor has air conditioning!

Robert is a skilled equipment operator. He is detail-oriented and wants the projects that he works on to be done right. Robert has a great attitude and is always the first one to grab a piece of equipment and ready to complete a project.

Robert and his wife, Gale, have two children and six grandchildren.

We appreciate Robert's dedication and commitment to his 40 years of continuous service to the City of Smithville.



**Water Meter and Tapping Services**

As the Board is aware, the City has encountered problems over the last several months in receiving the parts to set new water services. Several builders have had to wait for several weeks as we did not have any meter setters in stock. Meter setters and meters have been on order since February. This week, we received enough meters and setters to catch up and expect the remainder of the order from February to be here in the next month, providing a bench stock of 46 meters.

As staff has previously reported, we typically have 50 or so new services per year, but due to delivery and supply issues, having the parts on hand has been challenging this year. To avoid this issue in the future staff is ordering 107 set ups based upon lots that are or will be available shortly with the current development approvals. Suppliers are projecting up to six months for new orders, so we are proceeding with this purchase.