



City Administrator's Report

December 1, 2022

Police Department Drone

As you may be aware, the Police Department has been working on a project to raise funds for a drone. To date, \$4,426 has been raised from eight private donors. In addition to these, we have a commitment from Hero Funds USA for grant that funds up to \$6,750. This grant is structured that it reimburses the city for funds spent. With the knowledge of the grant and collection of more than \$4,000 in funds to date, the purchase process to order a drone has begun. The total cost of the drone is just under \$6,100. Additional costs relating to software and hardware will be incurred. With this order, we will submit a request for the reimbursement from Hero Funds USA.

Staff has also become aware of a Law Enforcement Grant that is administered by the Missouri Department of Public Safety which will fund up to 50% of a drone project. This grant allows for the 50% required matching funds to be cash or in-kind, and donations can be retroactive from May 2020. The purchase of the first grant and remaining funds from the Hero Fund reimbursement will cover the 50% match needed for this grant. We will be submitting a grant for a second drone and mapping software that is compatible with both units.

Streetscape Update

Preliminary design was presented to the Board for review and public input at the meeting of November 15, 2022. Frank Justus with the Patterson House requested on-street parking for visitors with boats and trailers and recreational vehicles. Representatives from the Cottage House also requested on street parking be reviewed for their establishment. Following the Board meeting, staff met with the owners of the Cottage House building and have agreed that they prefer the off-street parking as proposed with the addition of one more space, providing four spaces. Staff also spoke with the owner of the apartment on the north side of the alley. He was in agreement with the off-street parking.

Further review of the on-street parking requested by the Patterson House, staff is recommending not to provide the on-street parking area. This would have some additional cost for storm sewer and the additional parking area, the stairs leading from the street to the sidewalk in front of the Patterson House are very steep and do not

meet code thus there is not a direct path from the street to the front door, the property has a long drive and turnaround that provides sufficient parking and there will be two public spaces on the east side of Bridge Street. In discussions with Mr. Justus, he could not provide a reason for the necessity of on-street parking other than it was needed. The project is being funded through Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) with goals to promote pedestrian and bicycle activity. The design as presented is consistent with Complete Street Policies and meets the goals of TAP. Mr. Justus has been informed of the decision.

Raw Water Pump / Smith Forks Pump Station

The Smith Forks Wastewater Pump Station should be online the week of December 5. Platte Clay Electric finally received the electric splices needed to power up the lift station.

The good news on the Raw Water Pump Station is the 24" to 12" reducer has been installed. (see below picture!)



The bad news is, Irvinbilt needs 6-8 weeks to tie into the raw water line under the dam and add valves. All parts are on site, but during the time this tie in is made we have to bypass the current raw water pump station and with the cold weather everyone agrees this is not the right time and the project is being suspended until spring. Currently, the Corps is also replacing an underdrain in the same area and we would have to wait until that work is completed in the next 3-4 weeks before our work could begin.

Storm Water Master Plan

Staff held an open house on November 28 at the Senior Center to receive community input and information on areas that are experiencing flooding. A dozen residences attended identifying issues in Forrest Oaks and Stonebridge.

A second meeting is planned for December 6 at 5:30 pm at the Senior Center.