



City Administrator's Report

February 1, 2024

Odor Concerns

We have sporadically had complaints of odors, sometimes described as marijuana, or sweet pungent smells, primarily at or near the intersection of 169 Highway and Commercial Street. These complaints have been a recurring issue but have not been long-lasting issues in the past. The most recent complaints seem to have lasted for several days longer than the complaints in the past. Earlier this week Jack Hendrix met with the owners and operators of the CPC facility in Smithville to discuss the current operations at the facility and how they may be impacting or adding to the odor issues we are now experiencing in the area.

The operations manager and owner both identified the cultivation occurs every eight days, so any odors generated from that process should be very regular if they are causing odors from that process, and not sporadic as seems to be the current issue. They also regularly manufacture product from the cultivations. Staff has requested a copy of the official odor control plan required with the facility's state license. The owner and operator have agreed to provide that document and will also re-verify that the carbon filtration system in place is functioning correctly. Follow up will be identified once staff have received and reviewed this plan.

Staff continues efforts to identify odors and sources. On Tuesday January 30, several city staff members detected an odor while driving to work or while in the field working. Odors were identified on North Jefferson Highway, at the Price Chopper parking lot and along 169 Highway near Commercial Street.

Public Works staff drove the areas described above on Wednesday and found no issues with the sewer and did not smell sewer. This review also included a check along Cliff Drive. A sewer overflow would go down the hill to Cliff Drive. Staff found the runoff creek was completely dry. The detention pond on the south side of Price Chopper was also dry upon inspection.

As noted, staff will continue to monitor and work with CPC regarding their systems and processes to mitigate issues as possible.

Police Officer Recruit Graduation

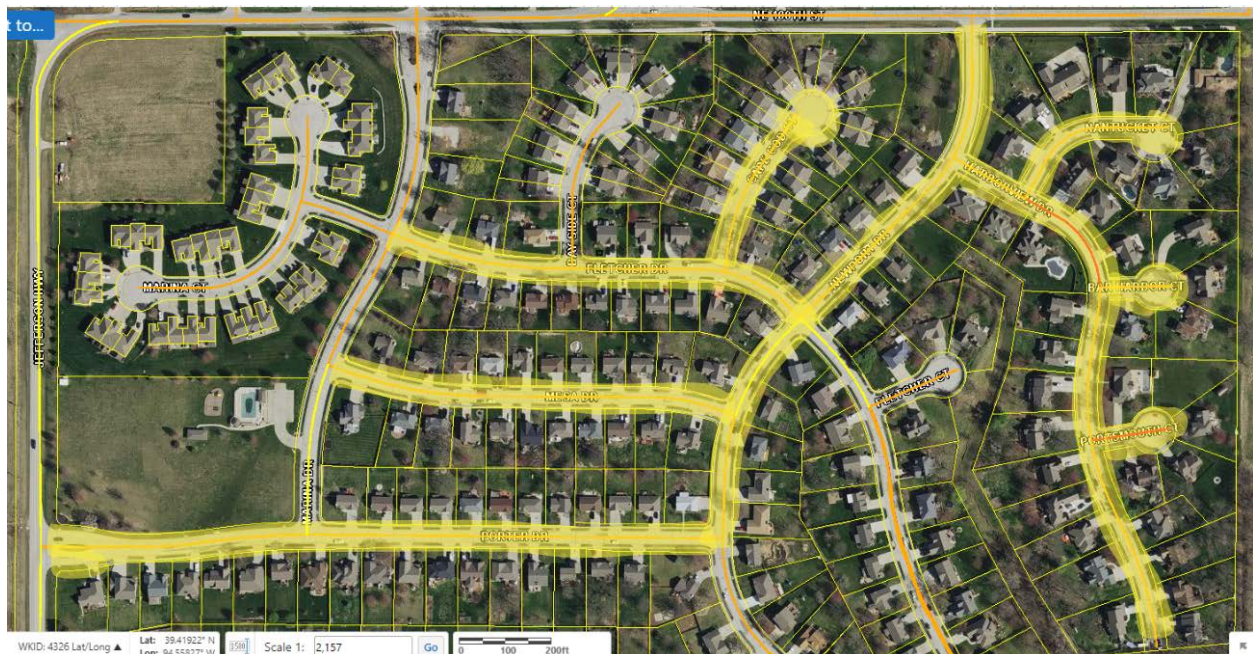
Edward Neill will graduate from the Kansas City Regional Police Academy on Thursday, February 8. He will immediately start field training with staff on the department. Field training typically runs about 16 weeks.

This leaves us with two vacancies in the department. Two additional officers are on light duty related to medical issues. Two conditional offers have recently been extended. Recruitment for officers is ongoing.

2024 Sidewalk Replacement Program

The City of Smithville is pleased to announce our 2024 Sidewalk Replacement Program, aimed at enhancing safety and accessibility by repairing hazardous sidewalks throughout the city. As part of the program, we have conducted inspections and selected the Harborview neighborhood as a priority for this year's program. Specific areas for improvement have been identified to align with the locations targeted by the 2024 street improvement program (see map below). Due to budgetary constraints, the City will focus solely on areas exhibiting hazardous conditions, prioritizing safety over minor issues like cracks or aesthetic concerns. Residents will receive a letter from the City if an area of their sidewalk is identified as hazardous.

In this program, the cost of repair will be divided equally between the City and the property owner. The city will arrange for a contractor to complete the repair work, including materials and labor. If the hazardous conditions are caused by City infrastructure such as manholes or storm sewers, the City provide the repair at no additional cost to the property owner.



Meeting Schedule

Mayor Boley has cancelled the February 20 Board of Aldermen meeting to allow Aldermen and staff to attend the MML Legislative Conference.