



## City Administrator's Report

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July 11, 2024

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### **Earmark Funding for Sewer Projects**

As previously discussed, we've received word that Smithville has been notified of earmark funding for sewer and stormwater projects through the federal budget. The US Army Corps of Engineers will be administering distribution of those funds. Prior to the Fourth of July Holiday, Chuck Soules and Cynthia Wagner met with representatives of the USACE regarding administration of those funds, requirements and disbursement processes. The first year of funds will provide support to the 144<sup>th</sup> Street Pump Station project. As we review the CIP and Combined Water and Wastewater Systems Fund budget in August, staff will provide additional information on this funding source as well as debt issuance timelines.

### **HR Updates**

We are pleased to announce the recent accomplishments of several employees!

- Will Stubbs received his ICC Commercial Building Inspector Certification and has been promoted to Building Inspector III effective June 30, 2024.
- Sergeant Jim Morgan & Officer Kole Kennedy recently completed drone pilot school and both passed their pilots test. This allows our Police Department to deploy cutting-edge drone technology to enhance our capabilities and ensure the safety of our community.
- Levi DeDonder, Streets Maintenance Worker II, passed the MoDOT Local Public Agency (LPA) certification. This will allow for more assistance with the inspections of capital projects in the Public Works Department.

### **Discussions with MoDOT regarding 169 Highway and 188<sup>th</sup> Street Project**

City staff recently met with MODOT to discuss areas of deterioration on Eagle Parkway following the MODOT project on 169 Highway, as well as concerns about sight distance on 188<sup>th</sup> Street at 169 Highway following completion of the project. We will provide further updates as we have information on how these issues will be addressed.

### **Quincy Boulevard Improvement Project**

The Quincy Boulevard project is nearly complete. There were some issues on Pine Street due to insufficient subgrade in the existing road, but the contractor has repaired these areas.

A few items such as clean up are still pending, as well as seeding. There was miscommunication between the contractor and the subcontractor, resulting in hydroseeding being applied two weeks ago. However, we have requested the contractor to return in the fall for reseeding and potential grading, as grass is more likely to succeed under better weather conditions. Residents have been informed of this plan through letters.

### **Winner Avenue Overlay**

The contractor has given notice that they may start milling work in the next couple of weeks.

### **Commercial Street Sidewalks**

The Commercial Street Sidewalk Project bid opening is scheduled for July 30. The plan is to start construction this fall.

### **Citizens Academy**

A reminder that applications for the Citizen's Academy, which will be held this fall, are due by July 31 and may be found [here](#).

### **Chamber Luncheons and Events**

Another reminder, board members are always welcome to attend Chamber events including the monthly luncheon. You can find Chamber events on their [calendar page](#) and register to attend from the calendar, found on their website.