



City Administrator's Report

August 15, 2024

September Meeting Schedule

Labor Day/September 3 Meeting

Due to the limited number of potential agenda items currently slated for the September 3 meeting, Mayor Boley has recommended that meeting be cancelled.

MML/September 17 Meeting

Several members of the Board of Aldermen will be attending the Missouri Municipal League Conference in mid-September and will be out of town for the September 17 meeting date. At Tuesday's meeting, we would like to discuss an alternative meeting date to ensure we have Board attendance at the meeting.

Setting the Property Tax Levy

As an upcoming part of the budget process, the Board of Aldermen will approve the Property Tax levy rate once the City receives its certified assessed valuation and receives the adjusted tax levy rate back from the State Auditor's Office. The property tax levy rate must be established by October 1.

While the City has already received Platte County information, Clay County information has not yet been received. Staff has reached out to Clay County Assessors and Clerk's staff to determine their current timeline to provide information to cities. The planning calendar currently anticipates a public hearing on September 17, with ordinance approval on the same date in both readings. Depending upon the date set for the second meeting in September and when we receive information from the county, a special meeting may be required to set the tax levy.

Photo Contest

We are conducting a photo contest where the selected photos will be highlighted by the City for marketing and/or promotional purposes. Our mission is to encourage community involvement. Participants may submit photographs taken of landscapes, cityscapes, artwork or landmarks that are unique to Smithville and the Smithville community. The original end date for the contest was August 30, 2024 but we have extended the deadline to October 31, 2024 to give applicants the opportunity to submit fall photos.

MoDOT work – 169 Highway and 147th Street

MoDOT will begin work late this week or early next week to install concrete medians between the new intersection of 147th Street and 169 Highway, as well as Commercial Street (soon to be 148th Street) and 169 Highway. During construction, most of the median will be restricted to all traffic for left turns. Access to the bank is available for southbound traffic by turning east on Commercial, then south on the new Fairview Drive. This street loops around and a new bank entrance is open from the south. Northbound 169 traffic will still have access via a right turn. All traffic leaving the bank and wanting to go south must use the Fairview Drive to Commercial route.

Construction is scheduled to last for four weeks, weather permitting.

Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) Update

Smithville staff continues to actively attend MARC meetings, which is critical for securing funding opportunities. The city has maintained 100% attendance at transportation and other planning related meetings.

In the most recent round of grant applications, Smithville submitted three projects for consideration: the Maple Lane Sidewalks, Eagle Parkway Nexus Trail, and Wayfinding Implementation Project. These projects are currently under review and will be scored in the coming weeks.

Presentations to the funding committee are scheduled for next month, with final recommendations and MARC Board approval expected in December or January.