



City Administrator's Report

June 12, 2025

Anthony Glenn Presents on Snow Response

Streets Superintendent Anthony Glenn was invited to sit on a professional panel at the American Public Works Association (APWA) Kansas City Metro Chapter's event *"From Forecast to Final Pass: Winter Prep, Response & Real Talk 2025,"* held on June 12.

The session focused on how small cities and rural communities responded to the extreme winter weather during the 2024/2025 season, which brought heavy snowfall and frigid temperatures to the Kansas City region. Anthony shared Smithville's approach to winter operations, including preparation, snow removal strategies, public communication, and lessons learned. His participation on the panel highlights the leadership and dedication our public works team brings to keeping the community safe and moving during severe weather.



Viewing of Board of Aldermen and Other City Meetings

During the pandemic, Zoom provided a great way to keep our public meetings accessible and allowed for online participation. As we have transitioned back to in-person meetings, Zoom has only been used for Board member attendance when a Board member is unable to attend in person. Public access to the meetings via Zoom has continued.

We have noticed an increasing number of public comments and questions being submitted through Zoom during meetings, but we do not have staff available to monitor and respond to them in real-time due to the in-person nature of the meetings. While virtual access was a helpful tool during the pandemic, it is not a requirement for public meetings.

The City will be transitioning back to YouTube as the primary platform for live streaming City meetings. Recordings will continue to be available on Facebook and the City's website within 24 hours following each meeting.

Financial Reporting

You may note additional detail included in the monthly financial report included in the agenda packet. During transition to the latest version of INCODE (the city's financial software system), there were changes in the reporting format. With transition in staffing in the Finance Department and the hiring of Madelynne Call as Financial Analyst, we have now been able to take the time to work with the financial system to provide more detailed reporting information for inclusion in the packet on a monthly basis.

Diamond Crest Splash Pad Parking Lot

During construction of the Splash Pad Parking Lot, contractors encountered unexpected soil and compaction issues that require additional excavation. As a result, the splash pad water line, restroom electrical, and water drainage will need to be lowered another foot or so. A new vault pit will also need to be installed to ensure maintenance can be completed, and the existing splash pad electrical lines rerouted.

Chuck Soules, Dave Schuerger, and Matt Denton have been working closely with Hoy Excavating, TNT Electric, and Menke Excavating to assess the full scope and cost of these required adjustments. Once cost estimates are received, an amendment to the Parks and Storm Water Sales Tax Fund budget is anticipated.

Citizen's Academy

The Smithville Citizens Academy is a free, 8-week interactive program that provides insight to City services and operations and offers opportunities for civic engagement in the City. This program provides Smithville citizens with a deeper understanding of how their City government works, and gives them a look at daily operations and services provided by their local government. The program sets the foundation for residents who are interested in furthering their civic knowledge, especially as it relates to government

closest to the people. Through presentations by city officials and tours of the city facilities, participants will benefit from a unique interactive learning and behind the scenes experience.

Applications for the 2025 class are available on the [city's website](#). Limited spots are available. Applications are due July 7.

169 South Employment Overlay District

Approval of the 169 South Employment Overlay District had previously been anticipated this spring. That work has been delayed.

On Tuesday evening, the Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed a portion of the work completed to date. Based upon the discussion, the consultant is revising the draft ordinance and preparing for a final public input opportunity.

The third and final opportunity for online public input will occur beginning July 7. Links from the City's website and social media will be used to distribute information on this effort.

The Consultant will present the final draft for public hearing at the August 12 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. Any feedback from the public hearing will be incorporated into the final draft to be presented to the Planning and Zoning Commission for adoption on October 14.

A work session to review the recommended ordinance will be held on October 21. The consultant will be in attendance. First reading of ordinance adopting the overlay district is currently planned for November 4, with second reading on November 18.

City Hall and Meeting Schedule

City Hall will be closed Monday, June 16 in observance of Founders Day.

The September 2 Board of Aldermen Meeting has been cancelled due to the Labor Day Holiday.

The September 16 meeting has been moved to September 23 to allow Board and staff members to attend the Missouri Municipal League Annual Conference.