



City Administrator's Report

January 29, 2026

State Petition Audit

Last week, staff received communication from the Missouri State Auditor's office that the petition audit has been scheduled. Todd Schuler and additional staff from the auditor's office will be on site beginning Monday, February 2 to initiate the audit. Mr. Schuler has requested time to speak to the Board of Aldermen at Tuesday's Board meeting to explain the process and timeline and answer any questions the Board may have.

Snow & Ice Operations - Weekend Event Summary

During the recent winter weather event, the city staff from the Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments conducted continuous snow and ice control operations to maintain safe travel conditions for residents throughout the City of Smithville.

Crews were actively engaged from Friday evening through Sunday morning, plowing and treating city streets during the storm and addressing hazardous conditions caused by overnight refreezing. In addition to roadway operations, crews cleared snow from city parking lots, sidewalks surrounding City Hall, and the downtown area. Follow-up inspections were completed citywide to ensure no slick or untreated areas remained.

In preparation for the event, approximately 3,100 gallons of brine were produced for pretreatment and storage, and all salt spreaders were inspected and confirmed operational. During the event, crews spread approximately 2,600 gallons of brine and 103.95 tons of salt as conditions required.

Operations were carried out using 11 plow trucks and a workforce of 12 employees. Crews worked from 10:00 p.m. Friday through 2:00 p.m. Saturday, and again from 10:00 p.m. Saturday until 7:00 a.m. Sunday. All work was completed in-house by City of Smithville staff with no outside contractors required.

Personnel Updates

Cassidy Childerston has been hired for the Recreation Coordinator position. She will start Monday, February 2.

Britain Burnette has been hired for the Finance Analyst position and will start February 23.

The 2026 Budget included the addition of a Parks and Facilities Manager. Recruitment for this position is underway.

Recruitment is ongoing for Wastewater Plant Operator and three Police Officer vacancies.

Water Treatment Plant Improvements Update

As you will recall, in October staff learned that underdrain piping in filters #1 and #2 was constructed of asbestos cement piping. All the piping has been removed, properly disposed of, and replaced. Water samples were collected throughout the removal process. During this time, all sample results were "non-detect".

Completion of the improvements, which included new lime and carbon feeders, filter piping gallery valves, sandblasting and repainting of all piping, replacement of all piping, replacement of filter media and new filter underdrain system piping in filters 1, 2 and 3, is anticipated the first week of February.

Holiday Schedule and Upcoming Meeting Schedule

City Hall will be closed Monday, February 16 in observance of the President's Day holiday.

The February 17, 2026 meeting falls during the MML annual Legislative Conference. It is anticipated that there will not be a quorum for this meeting, so Mayor Boley has cancelled that meeting.

Mayor Boley will be attending the National League of Cities Congress of Cities Conference in March, creating a conflict for the March 17 meeting. He has recommended moving that meeting to the following week, Tuesday March 24.

The September 15, 2026 meeting falls during the MML annual conference and has also been cancelled by the Mayor. This meeting will likely be rescheduled later in the month pending receipt of property tax assessed valuation information from Clay and Platte Counties in order to set the tax rate for the coming year.

Finally, the November 3, 2026 meeting has been cancelled as it falls on Election Day.