



City Administrator's Report

April 30, 2026

Storm Response

Storms last week and early this week brought heavy rain and winds created significant debris around town. Thanks to Streets Division and Parks and Recreation staff for their work in clearing trees, branches and other debris throughout the community.

Sergeant Trevor Ballard

A reminder that the pinning recognizing promotion to Sergeant for Trevor Ballard will occur on Friday, May 1 at 4:00 p.m. Congratulations to Sergeant Ballard!

Annexation of Corps Property – Status Update

Attached is a memo from Development Director Jack Hendrix providing historical information regarding discussion of annexation of Corps property near the lake, progress to date in that process and future work necessary to complete the annexation.

OK Trail Progress Update

The OK Railroad Trail project broke ground on May 13, with approximately 500 feet of concrete completed to date. As noted in an agenda item for Tuesday's meeting, a drainage issue was identified with the HDPE pipe, as the flow line sits well below the creek bed, which would cause improper drainage. Staff requested a quote to raise the pipe to the proper grade. This will include raising the east side 4–5 feet, adding riprap for stabilization, and installing end sections.

The City will submit this additional cost to DNR for cost share which is estimated at 64.07% of the additional \$25,064 or \$16,058.50, which would leave the City share at \$9,005.50

The change order on Tuesday's agenda will be paid from the Parks and Recreation and Stormwater Sales Tax Fund.

This issue has temporarily paused additional concrete work on the south side of the trail until corrections are completed. As of April 29, they are starting to form the north side to prepare for more concrete as the weather allows.



Figure 1-6 OK Railroad Trail

Field of Wildflowers

Parks and Facilities Manager Brett Teel and Parks and Recreation Director Matt Denton met with the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) to learn more about their cost-share opportunities that could benefit both the community and our community. Two opportunities were identified, and staff is working to apply for funding. The first is a cost-share program for downtown plants and flowers. MDC will contribute up to \$600 toward plants at Courtyard Park. This will support the two corner beds as well as the hanging baskets, provided native species are used.

The second opportunity involves establishing a native wildflower area at Wildflower Park, something staff have been interested in pursuing for some time. We are in a better position to move this project forward in partnership with MDC. The proposed timeline is as follows:

- Vegetation removal: April–June
- Follow-up treatment: September–October
- Seeding (native grasses and forbs): November 10 – March 31

The area is expected to produce blooms in the first year, so this time next year expect more color!

Commercial Sidewalk Update

The Commercial Avenue sidewalk project is nearing completion. The contractor is addressing final items, including seeding, grading, and cleanup. The project is anticipated to be completed by May 8.

Commercial Avenue overlay work will begin at the end of May. Asphaltic Surfaces was awarded the project bid and will complete the overlay work from Highway 92 to Meadow Street.

E-Waste/Shred Event

The annual e-waste/shredding event is this Saturday, May 2. The event will run from 9 a.m. to noon in the southwest parking lot behind City Hall.

Smithville to Host MML Westgate Luncheon

The City of Smithville will host the Missouri Municipal League West Gate Regional Meeting on May 28 at 11:30 a.m. at the Smithville Senior Center. A wrap up of the legislative session will be presented by Laura Holloway, MML Executive Director. Please let Linda know if you plan to attend.

Smithville Lake Festival Parade

The City will again participate in the parade for Smithville Lake Festival on Saturday, June 20. Please let Linda know if you plan to participate!

MML 2026 Elected Officials Training Conference

As noted at the April 7 Board meeting, MML is hosting their annual elected officials training June 11 and 12 in Columbia. The training provides a nuts and bolts review of issues municipal officials face on a regular basis, including Sunshine Law, planning and zoning, revenue sources and budget development. Please let Linda know if you plan to attend this training. The last day to register is May 28.

State Petition Audit

Staff continue to provide information as requested. It is anticipated that work on the audit will continue throughout the fiscal year.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Due to the fact that the June 16, 2026, meeting falls during set-up for LakeFest affecting access to the City Hall parking lot, Mayor Boley has cancelled that meeting. In lieu of a Board of Aldermen meeting that evening, the Board of Aldermen Budget Retreat will be held that day to discuss budget priorities.

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.

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