



City Administrator's Report

July 10, 2025

Church and Mill Watermain Update

Legacy Underground Construction was awarded the bid for this project (which includes repairs to the sewer line serving City Hall) earlier this year. Legacy has provided the City a letter forfeiting their bid stating they do not have sufficient staffing resources to complete this project in a timely manner and wish to focus on the Commercial Street Sidewalk Project. (See project update below).

Staff has reached out to the second low bidder, Engemann Construction to determine if they can honor their bid and complete the project this year. The original bid award to Legacy totaled \$106,000. Engemann's bid was \$126,000. If Engeman can complete the project this year, staff will post a revised agenda for Tuesdays meeting to add award of that bid as well as a budget amendment to provide budget authority for the cost differential.

Commercial Sidewalk Update

The Commercial Street Sidewalk Project is a federally funded project administered through MODOT. Federal Funds of up to 80% of the construction cost are available.

Last fall, the City awarded the bid for the project to Legacy Underground Construction in an amount of just under \$900,000. Construction was anticipated to begin in the spring of 2025. A preconstruction meeting was held with the contractor in April. Due to contractor commitments and school still being in session, it was agreed that the work would begin the first week of June. MODOT issued the Notice to Proceed June 16.

The contract allows 90 calendar days for completion, with a completion date of September 14.

To date, Legacy has not made satisfactory progress on the project. The City has had continued discussions with the contractor regarding the lack of project progress.

On Wednesday, July 9, the City provided Legacy a letter indicating that their performance on the project was not meeting expectations. Legacy's response included the fact that they were having problems with staffing but have reached out to other sub-contractors for assistance. Legacy has indicated that they do intend to have increased presence and make significant progress in the upcoming weeks.

They are aware and plan to meet the completion date.

On Thursday July 9 Legacy was on site, forming more area for concrete.

Legacy has notified staff that they expect to close the northbound lane of Commercial from Hospital Drive north as work progresses. Notification will be provided as details are developed.

Staff will continue to monitor and work with them to get this project completed in a timely fashion.



Diamond Crest Splash Pad Parking Lot – Excavation Work

During the construction of the Splash Pad Parking Lot, contractors encountered unexpected soil and compaction issues that required additional excavation. As a result, the splash pad water line, restroom electrical, and water drainage had to be lowered approximately a foot. A new vault pit was installed to ensure maintenance can be completed, and the existing splash pad electrical lines were rerouted.

The initial plan was to expense the cost to the Parks and Stormwater Sales Tax Fund through a Budget Amendment. Working together, the Parks and Public Works Departments have identified existing operating funds to cover the expenses. Work was completed on July 3, 2025, and Hoy Excavating will schedule to continue work on the parking lot.

EPA Audit at the Water and Wastewater Plant

From June 23 to June 26, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conducted a routine inspection of the water treatment plant and distribution system, as well as an unannounced inspection of the wastewater treatment plant and collection system. A representative from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) was also present during the inspection.

No violations were identified in either system; however, several recommendations were provided. Staff is actively reviewing each recommendation, and appropriate actions are being taken to ensure continued compliance with EPA and DNR standards. Many of the recommended items have already been addressed, and a full list of action steps is currently being finalized.

EPA collected multiple samples from the wastewater plant, and we are awaiting those test results. They were very pleased with the conditions and treatment practices at both facilities.

Special thanks to our water and wastewater plant staff for their professionalism and preparedness in providing all requested documentation during these inspections.

Parks and Recreation Month Activities

July is National Parks and Recreation Month, and we are celebrating with a full month of free programming for the community! Here is what is happening each weekday in July:

Mondays – Books & Bites: Join us at Heritage Park Shelter for a story time followed by a snack-making activity that goes along with the story. Perfect for young readers and their grown-ups!

Tuesdays – Yoga at the Courtyard: Relax and recharge with a free all-ages yoga class. Mats are provided—just bring yourself and a good vibe!

Wednesdays – Mini Makers: Stop by Smith's Fork Park Shelters to pick up free kids' art kits and projects designed to spark creativity.

Thursdays – Rockin' Thursdays: We will hide SPR-decorated rocks in a different park each week. Clues drop on Facebook, and if you find one, you can claim a prize!

Fridays – Basics of Pickleball Clinic: Want to try the fastest-growing sport in America? Join instructor Scott Pearson for a beginner-friendly pickleball clinic. (July 11 & 18)

Monday, Wednesday and Friday activities require preregistration at www.smithvilleparksrec.com/programs-events

City Hall, Meeting and Other Schedule Items

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.

The Fall Bulky Item Curbside Pickup week has been identified for the week of September 29 through October 3. This information may be found on the City's website.