



City Administrator's Report

December 16, 2021

Special Road and Bridge District Petition

The petition requesting that the Board of County Commissioners place this issue on a ballot was submitted to the County Clerk on Tuesday, December 14. As we hear of status on this request, information will be shared with the Board.

Police Recruit Graduations

Brett Hazelrigg and Caitlin Repola graduate their POST training this evening and will be sworn in as Smithville Police Officers Friday and begin field training.

2021 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Application

The Police Department is submitting an application to the Missouri Department of Public Safety for their 2021 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG). This grant is 100% funded by the Department of Public Safety, with no local match. We are asking for funds to purchase additional body cameras. Current body cameras were purchased in 2019. While this equipment remains under warranty, we have found that the time to have a unit repaired can be lengthy. This typically takes the camera out of service for 12-16 weeks to be shipped to the manufacturer. These additional cameras would help ensure there are always sufficient functioning cameras for shifts as they come on-duty. The grant cap is \$10,000. This replacement project is expected to be approximately \$6,500.

Neighborhood Beautification Grants

The Neighborhood Beautification Grants process will begin on January 3, 2022. The application, FAQ, and a cover letter will be sent directly to all HOA's. The cover letter will include an overview of the application, who to contact with any questions, as well as overall timeline. Applicants are encouraged to reach out to public works staff for any projects that would be placed in the right-of-way, ensuring that they all have proper permits prior to submitting application. Applications will be accepted until March 31 with award letters distributed by mid-April to ensure HOAs are able to properly prepare for any spring projects.

DirectionFinder Survey – Be on the Lookout

Surveys have hit mailboxes. ETC has indicated that they have already received responses. It is hoped that enough responses will be received by early January to provide statistically significant results. A presentation of results is anticipated at the February 15 Work Session.

Upcoming Events/Dates of Interest

Holiday Closures: City Hall will be closed on Friday, December 24 and Friday, December 31 in observance of Christmas and New Year's Day.

MML Westgate Dinner: Mark your calendars for Thursday, January 28. Smithville will host the Westgate dinner at White Iron Ridge. The Mayor and Linda Drummond are working with local restaurants and others to provide "a taste of Smithville," including a meal catered by Aroma Bistro, Chops and Kozak's as well as a cash bar. Linda will distribute invitations when received from MML.

2022 Governing Body Retreat: Patty Gentrup has indicated that her calendar is filling quite quickly for 2022, so we have booked her for the annual Governing Body Retreat on Wednesday, May 25. Please mark your calendars for that day – details regarding location and exact time will be provided as we get closer to the date.