



City Administrator's Report

May 11, 2023

Retreat Reminder

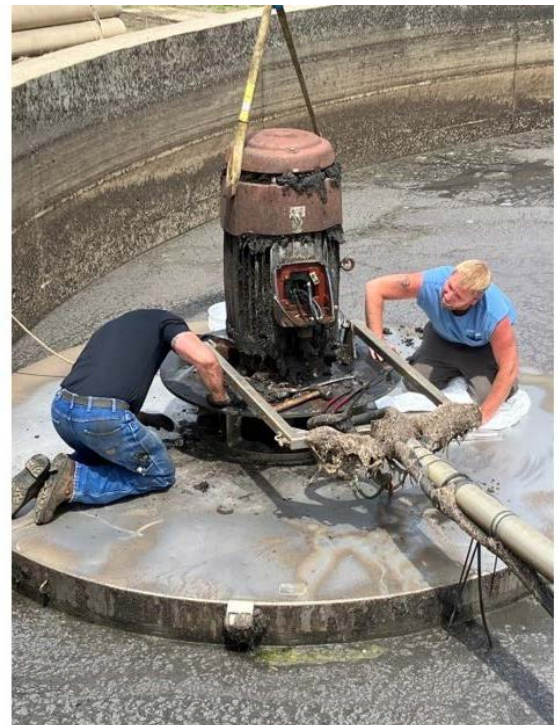
Reminder that we will be meeting on Wednesday, May 17 at 9:30 a.m. at 6889 North Oak Trafficway for the Governing Body Retreat/Budget Planning meeting.

Emergency Purchase

I have approved an emergency purchase of equipment at the wastewater plant. Total dollars and timing are not known at this time, but I've authorized initiation of the purchase order process in order to expedite ordering supplies. The aerator in digester #2 stopped working this week. When staff attempted to restart the motor, it tripped the breaker. Mid-America Pump assisted with pulling the motor and will inspect to determine what repairs are necessary. At first glance, staff's assessment is that the stator (motor core/windings) are bad.

This motor was installed in 2007 and rebuilt in 2014 (at that time the rebuild was \$20,000). Delivery of a new motor may be more than 30 weeks out. Staff are checking on lead times and costs. With digester #2 out of service, this affects the operation of the plant. Staff will have to haul a lot more sludge off and land apply. This could include weekend operations. Ammonia levels could increase above permit limits and, depending on atmospheric conditions (most especially wind), there could be an odor that could permeate to adjacent neighborhoods and downtown.

Authorization of this emergency purchase will be on a future agenda, when specifics of cost are known.



180th Street Trail – County Improvements

Clay County Parks and Recreation notified city parks staff that trail work on their property connecting to the 180th Street Trail has been completed.



Owens Branch Stream - bridge removal, debris cleaning and tree removal

Menke, a contractor for the City, has successfully completed restoration work on Owens Branch stream by removing a bridge, cleaning debris, and clearing a tree that was blocking the outlet pipe. This restoration work will ensure the natural flow of the creek, which in turn will alleviate flooding issues faced by residents of Owens Avenue. Pictures below show the before and after of the area.





4th Street and 4th Terrace Improvements and Manzanola Waterline Project

On May 2, staff held a meeting with more than 15 residents from 4th Street, 4th Terrace and Manzanola regarding upcoming infrastructure work in this area. During the meeting, the contractor and City inspector were introduced, and the overall project and estimated timelines were explained. The residents showed enthusiasm towards the project, but they also understand that it will cause inconvenience and that they will need to work with their neighbors to manage parking.

To keep residents informed, staff has created a dedicated page on the City website to provide weekly updates on this project. This provides a helpful way for residents to be aware of any potential water shutoffs or street issues. Although this project is bound to be inconvenient, staff is committed to making it less painful for residents by providing regular updates. The flyer below was mailed to residents affected by this project.

The page can be found at
www.smithvillemo.org/projectupdates



4TH ST & 4TH TERR PROJECT

& MANZANOLA WATERLINE REPLACEMENT

Weekly Project Updates

We have created a page on the City website to provide you with weekly updates on this project. You can visit the website below, or scan the QR code on the right side.

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Public Works Week

The City of Smithville will be celebrating Public Works Week this year, from May 16th to May 22nd. This week provides an opportunity to recognize and appreciate the contributions of our hardworking public works professionals who keep our city running smoothly.



As part of our celebration of Public Works Week, an appreciation lunch for all city staff will be held on Friday, May 19 at Heritage Park. City Hall will be closed from 11:30 AM to 1 PM so that employees can attend the lunch and be recognized for their hard work and dedication.

Meeting Schedule

Just a reminder that a number of upcoming meetings have been cancelled or moved:

- The July 4 meeting is cancelled for the Holiday and City Hall is closed July 3 & 4.
- The August 1 meeting has been cancelled as Mayor Boley will be out of town.