



City Administrator's Report

August 14, 2025

Personnel Updates

Dylan Crum and Kennedy Sutton graduated from the Kansas City Police Academy on Thursday, August 14 — congratulations to Officer Crum and Officer Sutton! Following graduation, both will begin their field training.



Police Recruit Isaac Sullivan is currently attending the academy and is on track to graduate early this winter. Police Recruit Jack Cooley is set to begin the academy on Tuesday, August 19.

On Monday, August 11, Alex Fischer joined the team as a Water Plant Operator I.

We are actively recruiting for several positions, including Parks Crew Leader, three Police Officer openings, Wastewater Plant Operator, and Water Treatment Plant Manager.

Commercial Avenue Pedestrian Improvements Project

As the Board was notified at the last meeting, the contractor originally awarded the Commercial Avenue Pedestrian Project has informed the City they are ceasing operations and will not be able to complete the work.

The City met this week with the contractor, their bonding company, city attorneys and MoDOT to determine next steps and ensure the project continues moving forward. The contractor has been determined to be in default. Staff is working with the surety (bonding) company for a resolution. In the coming weeks, the surety will accept bids for completion of the work. The process is complicated by the number of entities involved, but staff does anticipate that a new contractor should be on site in the next few weeks. Additional updates will be shared as more information becomes available.

With school beginning next week, Street Division staff identified a need to backfill and clean up the work previously left unfinished, particularly around the school campus. Staff started work today and are working to backfill and clean all areas at the school campus for student and staff safety as the school year begins. Thanks so much to this crew for identifying this need and adjusting work to accomplish this unanticipated task!



Citizen's Academy

The kick-off picnic for the 2025 Citizen's Academy was held Monday night. Members of the 2025 class, governing body members and staff welcomed the new class, who will begin their academy sessions next week.



Payment to Mid America Regional Council

As the Board is aware, the City has been awarded Federal Transportation funds through MARC for the wayfinding signage project (funding of \$600,000) and the Maple Lane sidewalk project (funding of \$480,000). Total project grant funding is \$1,080,000. These projects are included in the City's CIP for 2027.

MARC assesses a 1% fee for administration of the projects receiving Federal funding. This fee is \$10,800 for the Wayfinding and Sidewalk project. The City has been invoiced for this administration fee and payment has been processed.

City Hall, Meeting and Other Schedule Items

City Hall will be closed on September 1 in observance of the Labor Day Holiday. 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.