

Mayor's Corner

June 2018 Edition



We have officially hit the dog days of summer and what seems to be a leap from Winter right into Summer, bypassing Spring. To boot, it has been dry and hot and we are all in need of some rain. Hopefully, this week we will get our wishes answered with some decent rains over several days.

I would like to again personally thank the Parks & Recreation Board for another successful Lawson picnic. Though Mother Nature provided some unseasonably warm weather, we were blessed with no significant weather challenges. Some of you may have seen a filming crew in town during the Lawson picnic at various locations. I am so excited to share with you that we are embarking on a video production to promote Lawson with CVP Productions. I was fortunate to spend some significant time with the team at CVP over several days surrounding the Lawson picnic. The initial video is very strong with some minor tweaks that will be made. Once it is completed, I will provide you with a link to review video that will promote our wonderful town and peak interest for those outside of Lawson to seek residential and commercial opportunities and call Lawson home. We have a great story to tell and I am so excited to be working with the folks from CVP to complete this project. Be on the lookout in upcoming communications for more information.

For those of you who have not had the opportunity to get out and see our young athletes in action, the LYSA will be hosting the year end tournament out at the Lawson sports complex this week. Check out the LYSA website for more information and times.

Some exciting news from City Hall, announcing the addition of Matt Nolker to the position of Assistant City Administrator. Matt and his family have multi-generational roots in Lawson and his knowledge of not only Lawson but numerous commissioners and economic development directors in both Ray and Clay County will be a benefit for Lawson, not to mention the various legislative staff members throughout Missouri. Matt will be working alongside

Steve Sellers to further propel Lawson into the future looking for both residential and commercial development opportunities while continuing to fast track all existing infrastructure projects.

This week, Matt Nolker and I will be meeting with the folks from Demmand Communication (high speed internet provider) to get an update and timing on high speed internet service in Lawson. Be on the lookout for updates.

- Bond Updates – I am excited to say that the storm water project on D Hwy was completed ahead of schedule. The highway was shut down less than a week and the final touches to this project are underway. This past week the street crews were in town repairing and replacing streets throughout Lawson. You will continue to see them for several weeks as we continue our focus on addressing existing infrastructure with the ultimate goal to upgrade all streets inside the city limits of Lawson. We will be finalizing the budget for 2018 – 2019 and have a plan laid out for future projects using both bond funds and grant projects. I will share more with you in the coming months what this looks like both short and longer term.

The date and location has been set for this year's Patriotic Celebration which will be held at the Hidden Valley golf course on Friday July 6th. There will be fireworks choreographed to music to be set-off just after dusk. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, golf carts, and all family members to this breathtaking event. As always, food & beverages can be purchased at Mulligans which is next door to the driving range where the viewing of the event will take place.

I hope all of you have a wonderful Summer with friends and family including a safe July 4th.

- June 25th– 6:30 PM City Council Meeting @ City Hall
- July 6th (Dusk) Patriotic Celebration – Hidden Valley Golf Course

Your Mayor,

Greg Taylor