

## **MAYOR'S JUNE 11, 2020 REPORT TO COUNCIL**

### **Mayor Gardner reported:**

- **COVID-19 UPDATE:**

7 new cases reported in the last 10 days in the City, more than half in the 20-39 years old range. Continues to urge all residents to follow the Health Department suggestions and guidelines for safety.

- **CITY HALL UPDATE:**

Received emails regarding Police Department Policies. All police policies are reviewed regularly for compliance with the National Standards. Specifically, the “use of force” policy is reviewed for compliance annually and reviewed and discussed with police officers regularly. Anyone with questions regarding policies should feel free to call Chief Collins.

Re-opening City’s playground in Campbell Park on Monday, June 15, 2020; signs with guidelines will be posted.

Tennis Courts have been opened; please follow guidelines.

City will continue to open facilities as permitted and we will keep residents updated.

### In response to Mrs. Bing question from the last meeting:

- City Service Department vehicles do not ever dump their contents into the river.
- City Service Department does not pump out basements unless the City sewer part is an issue.
- Fire Department does pump out basements in an emergency as part of damage abatement.

### In response to Mrs. Bing’s question from tonight’s meeting:

- Regarding City Finances: All nonessential spending has been cut. Overtime and income sources are being monitored. Currently, RITA is estimating we are potentially off \$500,000 in collections. Net can be made up when income tax payments are made on 7/15/20. To date, Mayor’s Court revenue is down 30%, but is coming back. State and local government funding will take a hit; gasoline tax revenue is still unknown. We are monitoring our spending, as close as possible, goal is not to lay anyone off; if necessary, can use surplus.
- **OTHER CITY BUSINESS:**  
Labor negotiations have begun, combined meeting with all the unions held last week. Future meetings scheduled.

Application for Grange Curators are currently being taken. See the City's website for information.

Internet auction underway for the Service Department surplus equipment until 6/22/20, visit [www.govdeals.com](http://www.govdeals.com), if interested.

Meeting held last week for pre-construction for the 2020 street rehab, letter went out to residents regarding project. Project to start later this month or beginning of July.

Thanks to Councilwoman Taylor Draper, Councilwoman Fellows and the WHISPER Sub-Committee, who are working very hard and doing a great job. Looking forward to the presentation at next meeting.

Sympathies to the families of Michael Zielke and Gayle Cendrowski for their losses.

Upcoming events: Shred Day, 6/13/20, from 9:00 a.m. - noon at City Hall, Lions Pancake Breakfast To-Go, 6/21/20, (Father's Day) from 8:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. at the Community Center and Garage Sale Day on 8/1/20.

## **MAYOR'S JUNE 25, 2020 REPORT TO COUNCIL**

- Welcomed new Councilman, Dan Zegarac. It's nice to have him here.
- **COVID-19 UPDATE:**  
(8) new cases reported in the City this week. Continues to urge all residents to please follow all safety guidelines to stop the spread of the COVID-19 Virus in the Community. Observe the guidelines where you can and maintain social distancing. If there are people in need in the Community, please reach out safely to those that are in need and let them know you support them.
- **CITY HALL UPDATE:**  
Still have a couple positions available for curators for the historic Grange property. We have received three applications to date and would welcome more.

Received a letter of resignation from Jonathan Irvine, a longtime member of our PC-ABR Board. If anyone is interested in applying for that position the application is on the City's website.

The City was able to give approximately \$2,000 to VFW Post 4358 received from the marker and flag donation collection. Thanks you to all that donated to the fundraiser. The Post was ecstatic to receive the donation.

Supports several of the Ordinances on for tonight: renewal of the WHISPER Program, the Road Levy Ordinance and Resolution, the 2020-38, Engineering Fees for Corporate 90 Force Main Replacement Project and 2020-40, the rehire of Police Chief Collins for approximately 6 to 10 months.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the “To Go Pancake Breakfast”.

Upcoming City events: Garage Sale Day on 8/1/20 and the final Shred Day on 8/8/20 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at City Hall.