

# CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Mari E. Macomber, City Manager

**SESSION DATE:** June 15, 2015

**TIME:** 4:30 pm

**PLACE:** City Council Chambers

## **AGENDA:**

- **PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT**
- **IMPACT FEES**
- **ROLL-OFF CONTAINERS**
- **PARKING ORDINANCE REVIEW**
- **UNDERGROUND UTILITIES**
- **REVIEW CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**
- **REVIEW NEWSLETTERS**

## **PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT**

The Community Services Department has been gearing up for its busiest season of the year, summer. We wanted to take some time on Monday to visit with the Council about the programs that have been planned for this season.

## **IMPACT FEES**

What is an “impact fee?” In general, an impact fee is a fee charged by a city typically to developers to pay for the costs of providing public facilities like water, sewer, roads, and sometimes police and fire or improving existing ones needed as a result of the new development. Typically developers are generally responsible for the entire cost of on-site improvements within the development that primarily serve residents of a specific project. And that is the case in Kirksville, with the exception of lot splits. Impact fees are a way in which cities can assure that developers pay a share of the costs for off-site facilities (system improvements) that serve the development.

In essence they are fees designed to ensure that new development pay its fair share of infrastructure needs it creates. To determine this there must be a connection between the use and the fee and it must be a proportional fee based on the impact of the development.

Kirksville does not assess impact fees. However, there are Missouri communities that do. Some of which include:

Nixa, MO; Ozark, MO; and Kansas City, MO

One question that is not clear is whether or not this matter would need to go before the voters. There is a test that we should use to consider whether or not the charge is subject to a public vote. The test, known as the “Keller Test” involves the application of five (5) criteria: 1- When is the fee paid? 2 - Who pays the fee? 3 - Is the level of fee affected by the level of goods or services received? 4 - Is a good or service provided? And 5 - Has government historically and exclusively provided the good or service?

Another question that the City Council might ask is whether or not the development is causing an undue cost on the City with the development. As noted above, we do not require lot splits to develop the land and in some instances those splits which have put additional loads on utility services.

Developers are expected to pay building permit fees and utility tap fees.

Should this matter be pursued, the steps would include:

- A determination of whether or not it should go before the voters
- The development of an Ordinance
- Determination of how the fees should be calculated
- Legal Review
- Development of Administrative Processes

If the Council were interested in this, there may be other areas to consider as well:

Mobility Fees - to meet demands from citizens for a more diverse system of infrastructure – includes vehicles, bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure. If allowed by Missouri law maybe these expenses could be funded with impact fees.

Environmental Impact/Mitigation Fees – to meet the requirements of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Agency and potential demands from citizens for green infrastructure. For example, the use of Hazel Creek and Forest Lake, could possibly be supported through impact fees.

## **ROLL-OFF CONTAINERS**

The City Council wanted more information on roll-off containers. As it stands today, Advanced Disposal provides roll-off containers as follows:

- Placement of the dumpster starts the clock with the initial fee covering the first seven (7) days.
- Cost for dumpsters – 6 yard - \$322; 20 yard - \$513; and 30 yard - \$560
- After the first seven (7) days there is a \$2 per day rental fee for the 6 yard and a \$10 per day rental fee for the others

Advanced does not have a system in place to monitor the dumpsters, but is working on developing and implementing this process. In addition, Advanced does have some policies in place that limit the dumpsters, but we did not go into detail on these.

Advanced does have an agreement with Moberly to limit the time allowed to two weeks. This is done through the contract with Advanced Disposal.

Here is what a couple of other cities require or allow:

Ferguson, MO - In the event that an owner or occupant of a residential structure desires to temporarily keep a dumpster or large trash storage container on the property because of construction or renovation, the owner or occupant may apply for a permit and pay the appropriate fee as follows:

Permit for location of dumpster on residential property for period of time as specified by director of public works - \$40.00

Extension of permit for location of dumpster on residential property for additional period of time as specified by director of public works - \$20.00

Every dumpster shall be emptied at least once every two (2) weeks or when such dumpster is full, whichever occurs earlier.

A permit may be renewed no more than two (2) times in a one-year period of time.

Battlefield, MO - rules regarding “project” dumpsters. The city shall issue temporary permits and permanent permits for project dumpsters and commercial refuse storage areas as follows:

A short-term permit is required for any equipment, storage container or project dumpster within public view for over a two (2) hour period and less than twenty-four (24) hours.

A long-term permit is required for project dumpsters and commercial storage containers at construction sites for periods exceeding twenty-four (24) hours.

A permanent permit may be issued for a commercial or industrial establishment for a commercial storage container or a trash refuse dumpster.

## **PARKING ORDINANCE REVIEW**

After meeting last time the City Council was clear on a couple of items.

Based on Council feedback the following changes will be presented in a public hearing to Planning & Zoning followed by an Ordinance change presented to the City Council.

Delete - **Section 25-31 [a]**. Off-street parking is not required for uses permitted in that portion of the CBD district. Which would result in the same requirement for this area as the balance of the City.

Amend – **Section 25-31 [b]**. by deleting the following: ~~In all other districts not located within the above-described area,~~ the requirements for off-street parking which are in effect as of the

effective date of this section shall continue to apply; provided, however, that after the date of this section, no building or structure shall be erected, constructed or moved, changed in use, nor physically altered so as to increase the floor area of such building or structure, nor shall the interior of any such building or structure be remodeled or renovated where the cost of renovation or remodeling is in excess of fifty (50) percent of the fair market value of such building or structure, unless there already is in existence upon the property, or unless provision is made for the location on the property concurrently with such erection, construction, moving, alteration, change in use, remodeling or renovation, off-street parking space on the basis of the minimum requirements contained herein as applied to the following use categories:

Delete - **Section 25-31 [c]** concerning duplexes , making the parking requirements for all multi-family structures the same. Delete this language – “Duplex (two-family) residential: Two (2) parking spaces per unit, totaling four (4) parking spaces per duplex.” The Council then discussed parking in the downtown and agreed that for existing structures with apartments there would be no parking requirements.

The Council was asked to think about the matter and discuss it again to finalize the details.

Parking requirements for existing buildings downtown that do not have apartments today does the Council wish to

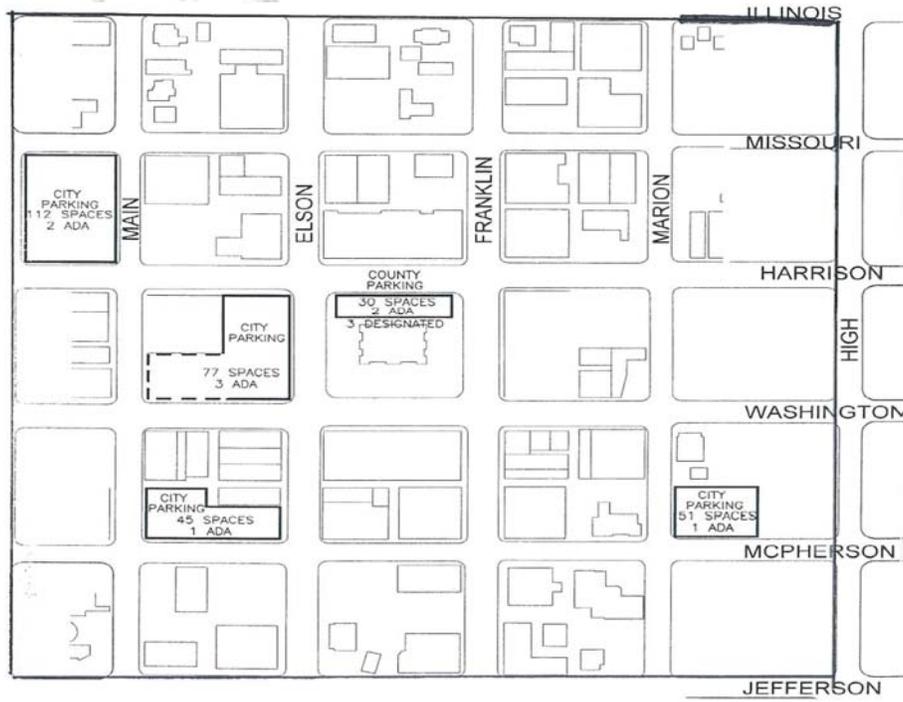
- Require Parking – thus in essence not allow the development, or
- Not Require Parking for existing structures?

What about a building today that is has a storefront operation intended for a retail or service business – would the Council want to

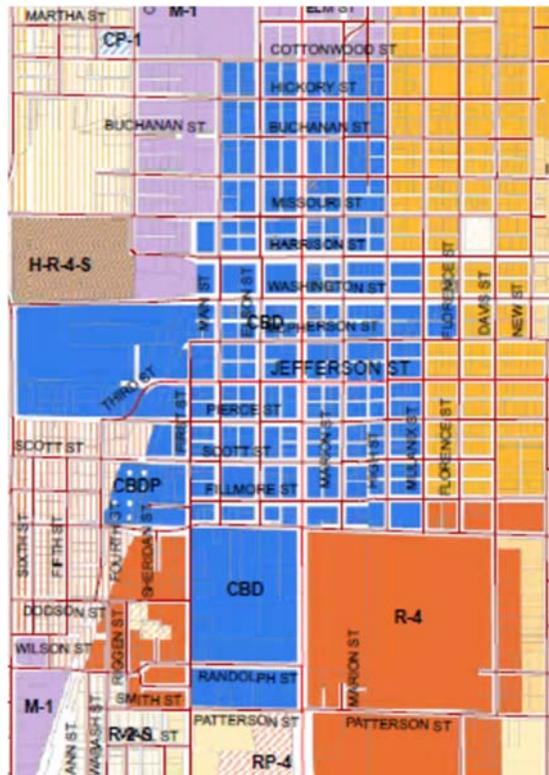
- Require Parking should a property owner wish to convert retail/service space to apartments, or
- Not Require Parking and loose the business opportunity downtown?

A final decision to be made is the boundary for any of the decisions made above. Currently the special boundary is described in the first map on page 4. The second map on the same page shows the current Central Business District. Or is a different boundary desirable?

DOWNTOWN AREA – NO PARKING REQUIRED



Map of the Central Business District – shown in blue



## **UNDERGROUND UTILITY REQUIREMENTS AND REVIEW**

The City Council asked about authority to require the location of utilities underground. City Attorney Hickman was asked to research the matter and found a case that was heard by the Supreme Court of Missouri, Union Electric Company v. City of Crestwood. The issue presented before the Court was whether or not a city ordinance could prohibit the construction of aboveground utility transmission lines. The Supreme Court of Missouri did not find in favor of the city. After reading this, Howard's interpretation was that an ordinance prohibiting Ameren would be exceeding the City's authority.

The case involved a St. Louis suburb, Crestwood, who had a 20 year franchise agreement with Union Electric. Union Electric had plans to install a new 7 mile main transmission. The City asked Union Electric to put it underground and the utility company said that it would be much more expensive than overhead. The City passed an ordinance that would prohibit the construction of this overhead line. The case proceeded through the court system making its way to the Supreme Court of Missouri.

This is the ruling of the Supreme Court: that the statutes relative to the Public Service Commission constitute "a legislative recognition that the public interest in proper regulation of public utilities transcends municipal or county lines, and that a centralized control must be entrusted to an agency whose continually developing expertise will assure uniformly safe, proper and adequate service by utilities throughout the state.

The conclusion was that the Public Service Commission was given authority by the General Assembly to regulate utilities.

City Attorney Hickman is reviewing City Franchise agreement with Ameren, but after my review it does not seem like there will be anything in this document that will change the opinion.

This link will take you to a website with the decision from the Supreme Court of Missouri <http://law.justia.com/cases/missouri/supreme-court/1973/56709-0.html>

Since the ruling determined that the Public Service Commission has the authority over regulating this utility, would the City Council like to send a letter asking them to consider requiring the placement of the lines within the city limits to be placed underground, citing safety, aesthetics and long term reliability?

In researching this some cities will require when the utilities already exist in a development that the utilities be placed underground. Using language similar to this:

## **REVIEW COUNCIL AGENDA**

## **REVIEW COUNCIL NEWSLETTER**

### Attachments

Parks and Recreation Report

Public Service Commission Release and Ameren Transmission Information

## KIRKSVILLE CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION ATTACHMENT

**SUBJECT:** Parks and Recreation Division Update

**STUDY SESSION MEETING DATE:** June 15, 2015

**CITY DEPARTMENT:** Community Services

**PREPARED BY:** Ashley Young

As summer approaches, the Parks and Recreation Division has established a schedule of programs to increase recreational opportunities and the quality of life in our City. Please see below for details on ongoing and upcoming programs from the Parks and Recreation Division.

### Family Programs

**Movies in the Park:** The City will again be offering its free Movie in the Park series. All movies are shown in the Ray Klinginsmith Amphitheatre in Rotary Park and start at dusk. Concessions are available for purchase and patrons are asked to bring a chair and / or blanket. The schedule is as follows:

- Maleficent, Saturday, June 20
- Lego Movie, Saturday, July 11
- Toy Story, Saturday, August 15

**Park Campout:** The City will again be partnering with the Missouri Department of Conservation on June 20 for the Great American Backyard Campout, which will coincide with the first Movie in the Park for the year. Citizens are invited to camp in Rotary Park for one night only, for free, beginning at 4 pm.

**Block Parties:** The City is again holding Block Parties in four City parks this summer. New this year is a partnership with both NEMO Heart Health and Warehouse 660 to provide additional programming for participants. Each party is held from 2 pm to 4 pm and includes fun activities in addition to the wading pools (with the exception of Memorial Park). The schedule is as follows:

- P.C. Mills Park, Sunday, June 7
- Jaycee Park, Sunday, June 21
- Memorial Park, Sunday, July 19
- Brashear Park, Sunday, August 2

**Summer Musical:** In a first of its kind partnership, the City is partnering with Curtain Call Theatre Company and Truman State University to present *Titanic: The Musical!* Performances will be held in the Baldwin Hall Auditorium at Truman State University on July 24 and 25 at 7 pm. Tickets can be purchased in advance: \$5 for ages 12 and up, children age 11 and under are free.

## Sports Programs

**Tennis Lessons:** The City is again offering tennis lessons. Lessons are \$45 per session and \$65 for Youth Advanced classes. All lessons will be held at the Kirksville High School Tennis courts.

**Tennis Sundays:** For the first time, the City is offering Tennis Sundays at the Patryla Park tennis courts on Sundays from June through August from 3 pm to 5 PM for pick up matches. All players are ages 14 and above.

**See Kids Runs:** The City is again offering See Kids Run where young runners entering grades K-12 will develop and practice running skills. The program ends with participation in the Twilight Run. See Kids Run is \$45 per runner and meets Tuesday and Thursday, June 9 to July 16, from 9 am to 10 am at Brashear Park.

**Baby Buggy Boot Camp:** For the first time, the City is offering Baby Buggy Boot Camp through a partnership with Warehouse 660. Classes meet Tuesday and Thursday, July 21 to August 27, at 9 am in the Ray Klinginsmith Amphitheatre in Rotary Park. The cost is \$50 per session and is taught by a certified personal trainer.

## Education Programs

**Science Camp:** The City will again be holding Science Camp for children entering grades 1-6. Participants will explore the merits of magnetism and electricity. The cost is \$75 per scientist. The camp meets Monday through Friday, June 8 to June 12, from 12 pm to 3 pm at the Kirksville High School Pavilion.

**Seed to Plate:** The City will again be holding Seed to Plate for children entering grades 5-8. Participants will learn how food can grow from seeds and then end up on their plate. The cost is \$30 per gardener. The camp meets Monday through Friday, June 22 to June 26, from 12 pm to 3 pm at the Kirksville High School Pavilion.

**Theatre Camp:** The City will again be holding Theatre Camp for children entering grades 1-5. Participants will learn elements of theatre to be used in a play performed on July 17. The cost is \$60 per actor. The camp meets Monday through Friday, July 6 to July 17, from 9 am to 12 pm at the Ray Klinginsmith Amphitheatre in Rotary Park.

**Art in the Park:** The City will again be holding Art in the Park for children of all ages. Participants will complete free art projects. Art in the Park meets Monday at Brashear Park, Tuesday and Thursday at P.C. Mills Park, Wednesday at Jaycee Park, and Friday at Memorial Park, from July 6 to July 31 between 1 pm and 2:30 pm.

**Performing Arts Camp:** The City will again be holding Performing Arts Camp for children entering grades 5-9. Participants will explore a wide variety of performing arts topics to be used in a final showcase on July 31 at 7 pm. The cost is \$125 per performer. The

camp meets Monday through Friday, July 27 to July 31, from 8 am to 4:30 pm in the Black Box Theatre at Truman State University.

### Youth Aquatics

Children's Swim Lessons: The City will again offer Children's Swim Lessons for ages 5 and up. The cost is \$35 for pass holders, and \$50 for non-pass holders.

Water Babies and Tots: The City will again offer Water Babies and Tots, which are swim lessons for ages 6 months to 4 years and involve both instructors and the child's parent(s). The cost is \$5 for pass holders, and \$30 for non-pass holders.

### Adult Aquatics

Arthritis Exercise: The City will again offer Arthritis Exercise, which is a class of low-intensity exercises for people suffering from arthritis. The class is free with paid admission. The class meets Monday through Friday, from 8 am to 9 am.

Friends Aerobics: The City will again offer Friends Aerobics, which is a class of moderate intensity exercises focusing on flexibility and maintaining muscular endurance. The class is free with paid admission. The class meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 1 pm to 2 pm.

Deep Water Aerobics: The City will again offer Deep Water Aerobics, which is a class of moderate to high intensity. The cost is \$8 per block for pass holders, and \$35 per block for non-pass holders.

### Aquatic Center and Wading Pools

Aquatic Center Hours: From May 23 through August 17, the indoor pool at the Aquatic Center will be open Monday through Friday, from 6 am to 9 am. The outdoor pool at the Aquatic Center will be open Monday through Saturday, from 1 pm to 7 pm, and on Sunday from 1 pm to 5 pm. The outdoor pool will also be open during weekends from August 22 through September 7 (Labor Day).

Wading Pool Hours: The wading pools in Brashear Park and P.C. Mills Park will be open on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 2 pm to 6 pm, and in Jaycee Park on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 2 pm to 6 pm.

Special Events: A Father's Day Swim will be held on June 21 and Fathers will swim for free. The annual Splash Bash will be held on July 4 with admission lowered to \$3.50. A Light Night Swim will be held on August 14 with hours extended to 10 pm. Additionally, the annual Doggie Luau will take place at the Brashear Park wading pool on August 22 from 2 pm to 4 pm.

Children's group lessons are recommended for swimmers age 5 and up. Classes are \$35 for pass holders, \$50 for non pass holders. 5 students must be registered for the course to be held.

**Children's Lessons \***

**Mon & Wed**  
7pm-7:45pm  
Block 1: 6/8-6/24  
Block 2: 7/6-7/22

**Tue & Thurs**  
7pm-7:45pm  
Block 1: 6/9-6/25  
Block 2: 7/7-7/23

**Mon-Fri**  
7pm-7:45pm  
Block 1: 7/27-7/31  
Block 2: 8/3-8/7



**Water Babies and Tots \***

Water Babies and Tots are guided lessons where parents and children start the swimming process together. This class is recommended for swimmers ages 6 months to 4 years. Classes are \$5 per block for pass holders and \$30 per block for non pass holders. 5 students must be registered for the course to be held. An adult must accompany each child in the water.

**Mon & Wed**  
7pm-7:30pm  
Block 1: 6/8-6/24  
Block 2: 7/6-7/22

**Tue & Thurs**  
5:30pm-6pm  
Block 1: 6/9-6/25  
Block 2: 7/7-7/23



**Youth Aquatics**

**Adult Aquatics**

**Arthritis Exercise**

This low intensity class is full of exercises designed especially for people suffering from arthritis. This class is free with paid admission. No sign up required. Class meets Monday-Friday from 8am-9am.

Friends Aerobics is a moderate intensity class with exercises focusing on flexibility and maintaining muscular endurance. No sign up required. Class meets Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 1pm-2pm.

**Friends Aerobics**

Feel the burn in this moderate to high intensity Deep Water Aerobics class. Classes are \$8 per block, for pass holders, or \$35 for non pass holders (includes admission fee). Class must have 5 students to be held, and is full at 15 students.

**Deep Water Aerobics \***

**Tuesday & Thursday**  
7pm-7:45pm  
Block 1: 6/9-6/25  
Block 2: 6/30-7/16  
Block 3: 7/21-8/6

**Special Events**

**Father's Day Swim** 6/21  
Fathers swim for free!

**Late Night Swim** 8/14  
Extended hours: 7-10pm

**Splash Bash** 7/4  
Admission lowered to \$3.50!

**Doggie Luau** 8/22  
Brashear Park Pool 2-4pm

**Aquatic Center Hours**

May 23-August 17

**Monday-Friday**  
6-9am Indoor Pool

**Monday-Saturday**  
1-7pm

**Sunday**  
1-5pm  
Indoor & Outdoor Pools



The Outdoor Pool will be open weekends only August 22-September 7

**Aquatic Center Info**

**Junior Day Pass** (age 3-8, 55+)

\$4.00

**Regular Day Pass** (age 9-54)

\$4.50

**Senior Day Pass** (age 55+)

\$4.00

**Day Passes**

**Passes**

10 Visit Pass \$35  
3 Mo. Individual \$100  
3 Mo. Household \$250  
1 Yr. Individual \$225  
1 Yr. Household \$400



**Wading Pools**

May 23-August 18  
Free Admission

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday**  
2-6pm  
Brashear Park & PC Mills Park

**Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday**  
2-6pm  
Jaycee Park



**Kirksville Aquatics & Recreation Program Guide**

**Summer 2015**



**Phone:** 660.627.1485  
**Mailing Address:** 201 S. Franklin  
**Physical Address:** 801 E. Mill  
**Website:** www.kirksvillegity.com

## Sports Programs

### Tennis Lessons\*

Tennis lessons are \$45 per session and \$65 for Youth Advanced classes. All lessons will be held at the KHS Tennis courts.

Youth lessons meet Monday-Thursday  
 Beginners ages 7-11: 8:30-9:15am  
 Beginners ages 9+: 9:15-10am  
 Intermediate: 10-10:45am  
 Intermediate: 10:45-11:30am  
 Advanced: 11:30am-1pm  
 Block 1: June 1-25 Block 2: June 29-July 23

Adult lessons meet Monday & Wednesday  
 Beginners: 6:15-7:15pm  
 Advanced: 7:15-8:15pm  
 Block 1: June 1-24 Block 2: June 29-July 22



### Tennis Sundays

Meet at the Patryla Park Tennis Courts on Sundays June through August from 3-5pm for a pick up match. Come out and play against other players ages 14+.

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Children entering grades 5-8 can learn how food can grow from seeds then end up on their plate. Seed to Plate is \$30 per gardener. The gardeners will work Mon-Fri, June 22-26, from 12-3pm at the KHS Pavilion.

### Seed to Plate\*



### Art in the Park

Come to the park and participate in free art projects. Art in the Park meets Monday at Brashear Park, Tuesday & Thursday at P.C. Mills Park, Wednesday at Jaycee Park, & Friday at Memorial Park July 6-31 between 1-2:30pm.

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### Performing Arts Camp\*

## Family Programs

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Lego Movie	Saturday, July 11
Toy Story	Saturday, August 15

### Movies in the Park

Join us and the Missouri Department of Conservation on June 20 for the Great American Backyard Campout! You are welcome for one night only to camp in our backyard! FREE tent camping will be permitted in Rotary Park starting at 4pm.

### Park Campout



Come party with us and our friends from NEMO Heart Health and Warehouse 660! There will be fun activities and the wading pool will be open. Each party will be held from 2-4pm!

PC Mills Park	Sunday, June 7
Jaycee Park	Sunday, June 21
Memorial Park	Sunday, July 19
Brashear Park	Sunday, August 2

### Block Parties

### Summer Musical\*

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## Sign up online!

Any program marked with an \* requires pre-registration. To sign up to participate in a program you can stop by the Aquatic Center or register online at parks.kirkvillecity.com. We now accept credit cards!



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- June 03, 2015**

**Contact:** Kevin Kelly (573) 751-9300

PR-15-151

## **PSC Sets Intervention Deadline In Ameren Transmission Company Of Illinois Application**

**JEFFERSON CITY**---Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (ATXI) has filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission asking the Commission to either find that it does not have jurisdiction, or in the alternative, grant ATXI a certificate of convenience and necessity to build, operate and maintain a 345-kV electric transmission line from Palmyra, Missouri to the Iowa border and an associated substation near Kirksville, Missouri.

According to the ATXI application, the proposed 345-kV electric transmission line is approximately 95 miles in length, running generally from a substation near Palmyra, Missouri and extending through Marion, Shelby, Knox and Adair counties to a new substation located near Kirksville, Missouri (Zachary Substation), and proceeding through Schuyler County to a connection point on the Iowa border, together with a 2.2-mile 161-kV connector line from the Zachary Substation to Ameren Missouri's existing Adair substation.

Applications to intervene and participate in this case must be filed no later than **June 22, 2015**, with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, or by using the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System (EFIS) at [www.psc.mo.gov](http://www.psc.mo.gov) .

Individual citizens wishing to comment should contact either the Office of the Public Counsel (Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Suite 650, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-2230, telephone 1-866-922-2959, email [opcservice@ded.mo.gov](mailto:opcservice@ded.mo.gov)) or the Public Service Commission Staff (P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 1-800-392-4211, email [pscinfo@psc.mo.gov](mailto:pscinfo@psc.mo.gov)). The Office of the Public Counsel is a separate state agency that represents the general public in matters before the Commission.



April 15, 2015

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Mari Macomber  
City Manager  
City of Kirksville  
201 S. Franklin  
Kirksville, MO 63501

**RE: Final Route Selection for Mark Twain Transmission Project 161,000-Volt Connector Transmission Line**

Dear Mari,

I am writing on behalf of Ameren Transmission Company of Illinois (ATXI). As you may recall, ATXI wrote you in February regarding the portion of the Mark Twain Transmission Project (Project) that involves a new 161,000-volt (161 kV) connector transmission line, approximately 2 miles long, connecting the existing Adair Substation to the new Zachary Substation in Kirksville.

Following that correspondence, ATXI solicited input from the public, as well as federal, state and local agencies. In addition to one-on-one conversations with the affected stakeholders on the proposed routes for the 161 kV transmission line, the route selection process included consideration of potential impacts on businesses, communities, homes, farms, irrigation systems and terrain. The selection process also considered environmental and engineering issues, as well as culturally sensitive areas.

ATXI has completed its route selection for the Project and is in the process of notifying property owners within the Project's 100-foot right-of-way (ROW), as well as those property owners who were identified on the initial route options (as proposed).

The enclosed map shows the final route selected. The final route will be built on a 100-foot-wide easement, which ATXI hopes to establish through good-faith negotiations with property owners.

ATXI anticipates filing an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission in the next few weeks to obtain a certificate of convenience and necessity for the entire Mark Twain Transmission Project, including the 345,000-volt (345 kV) transmission line. As we move forward through this process, we will continue to update property owners and stakeholders.

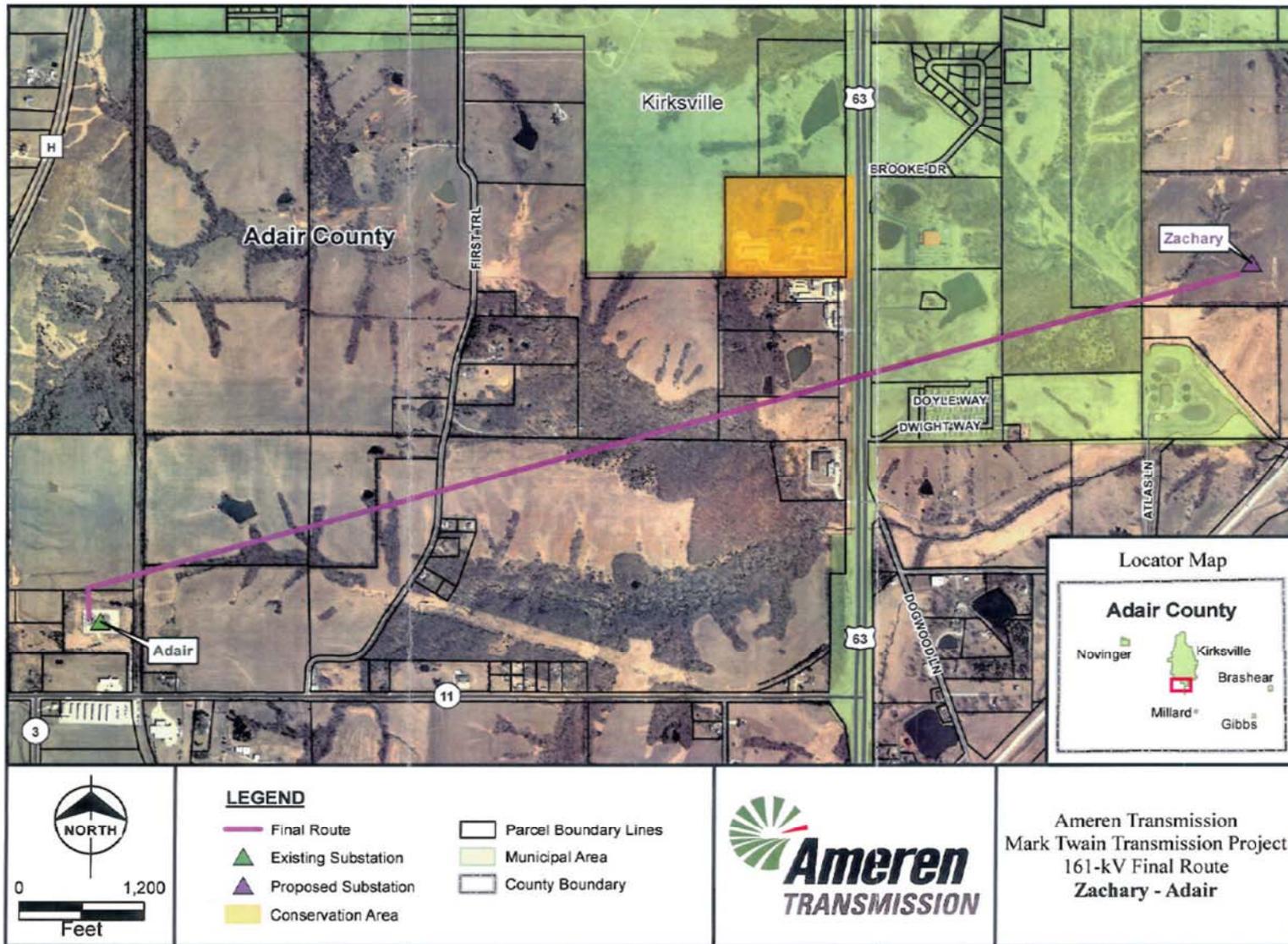
You can view detailed maps of the final route of the 161 kV transmission line on the Project website ([www.marktwaintransmission.com](http://www.marktwaintransmission.com)).

Our Project will help reduce transmission congestion and provide utility customers in Missouri with greater access to low-cost energy, including wind energy; improve power reliability; create approximately 200 new construction jobs and help the state of Missouri meet the voter-approved Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard (RPS).

As always, we welcome questions by email ([marktwaintransmission@ameren.com](mailto:marktwaintransmission@ameren.com)) or by phone (888-340-6640).

Sincerely,

Peggy L. Ladd  
Director, Ameren Transmission Stakeholder Relations [PLADD@ameren.com](mailto:PLADD@ameren.com)



Source: MSDIS; Esri; Ameren; Burns & McDonnell Engineering.

Revised April 09, 2015

