

KIRKSVILLE CITY COUNCIL **NEWSLETTER . . .**

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DATES TO REMEMBER

03/04 – KBSA registration begins
03/04 – Council Study Session and Council Meeting
03/05 – Governmental Affairs – 7:30 am
03/05 – LPRC – noon
03/06 – Affordable Housing Board – 2 pm
03/11-15 – Spring Break, TUS and Kirksville Public Schools
03/12 – K-REDI Meeting – 4 pm
03/12 – Open Meeting Ballot Issue – 4 pm to 7 pm – Annex Building
03/13 – Optimist – 7 am – Pancake City
03/15 – City Manager Out of Town
03/19 – Quota – noon – Steve’s Garden Deli (east room)
03/19 – Open Meeting Ballot Issue – 4 pm – 7 pm – EDA Building
03/21 – Legacy Mural Project – public event 10 am – 6 pm (must register by March 1)
03/25 – Partner Meeting School Board – Tour Wastewater Plant
03/26 – Candidate Forum – 6 pm – Shrine Club
03/28 – Kiwanis – noon – Wooden Nickel

BUDGET DOCUMENT

The 2013 Adopted Budget is now available on the City’s website by clicking on the Finance Department and Financial Reports or at http://www.kirksvillecity.com/filestorage/72/122/2606/City_of_Kirksville_Budget.pdf. The budget has been delivered to department managers and will be submitted to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) by Friday, March 1, 2013, for the GFOA Budget Presentation Award. This award has been given to the City for 25 consecutive years with 2012 being the last year to receive the recognition.

BOAT PERMIT FEES

As a follow-up to previous Council discussions, the City Attorney has issued an opinion that the fees, listed in the Municipal Code of Ordinances, addressing boat registration at Forest Lake, are likely true fees and not subject to Hancock restrictions. If Council elects to do so these fees could be increased to help offset some of the costs of the

Boat Patrol. The amount cut from the 2013 Budget for the Boat Patrol was \$5,150. This is a small amount, in comparison to total costs, that only covers boat operation and does not impact employee salary/overtime and other costs incurred during the boating season. It does not appear as if these fees have been increased since at least 1997. The Police Department is proposing to increase fees to cover half of the costs of the boat operation only. This proposal is intended to increase collections from permits by at least \$2,575. In 2012 the permits collected amounted to \$8,655 (\$8,717 average over the last five years). The Department recommends increasing fees, across the board by 30%.

As an example, yearly fees would increase:

| Motors Size | Current Fee | Proposed Fee |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 0-20 hp | \$10.00 | \$13.00 |
| 21-40 hp | \$15.00 | \$19.50 |
| 41-65 hp | \$20.00 | \$26.00 |
| 66-90 hp | \$25.00 | \$32.50 |

Daily fees would be similarly increased.

The fees collected would be evaluated, at the end of the 2013 season, to determine if this increase results in the funding requested. This across the board increase is recommended as no data base currently exists that details how many of each type of permit is issued in a given year. This data base could be developed, but it would require staff time to review hundreds of hard copy permits for multiple years. If Council requests, the Police Department could make recommendations for any adjustments needed following the 2013 season. The increase requires a vote of Council. Based on Council direction this item could be placed on the March 18th agenda.

BRASHEAR PLAYGROUND UPDATE

The Brashear shelter house was burnt by vandals in June 2012 resulting in a total loss of the shelter. The shelter was replaced at a cost of \$19,642 of which \$18,642 was reimbursed by our insurance company, Mirma, as we have a \$1,000 deductible. We have been notified as of February 28, 2013, that the suspects have been ordered to provide restitution to the City for the loss. The restitution of \$19,642 will be paid directly to Mirma and after Mirma’s \$18,642 is satisfied, the City’s deductible of \$1,000 will be returned.

WELLNESS PROGRAM

The City Council will be given an update on our wellness and health insurance programs at the March 18 Council Study Session. Human Resources Director Pat Meredith has provided an informational report on why wellness is important. A copy of that document is being provided now in an effort to give the Council before the March 18 meeting.

CITIZEN REQUESTS

A citizen has asked that the City Council review and consider a change to the current utility ordinance regarding leak adjustments. The ordinance was recently changed to eliminate discretion and tighten up when a leak adjustment was requested. The person who is making the request is a licensed plumber and also owns several rental properties. This is the language regarding the leak adjustments.

An adjustment in a customer's bill may be made by the finance director when a leak has caused the customer's bill to be at least four (4) times the average bill, not including trash services, as calculated by the finance director. A paid detailed receipt for a repair made to remedy the leak must be submitted to the finance department. The vendor on the detailed receipt cannot be the same person or business listed on the account who is requesting the leak adjustment. The leak adjustment will be applied to the customer account when the finance director determines that the leak has been properly repaired based on consumption readings. In the event that a leak adjustment has been given to a property owner which has then prevented a tenant from obtaining a leak adjustment at the same service address, the city has the discretion to disallow the leak adjustment given to the property owner. The leak adjustment disallowed may be assessed on any account in which the property owner is a customer. The property owner will not be eligible for any further leak adjustment requests until the disallowed leak adjustment is paid in full. One (1) leak adjustment per water meter may be allowed in a twelve-month period and will be administered to the highest water bill of the leak period. The leak adjustment will equal an amount not to exceed fifty (50) percent of the cost of the leak over and above the average amount of the customer's bill using up to the last six (6) billing periods. The city manager may authorize additional leak adjustments up to seventy-five (75) percent of the cost of the leak over and above the average amount of the customer's bill during the preceding six (6) months where unique, extraordinary and specialized circumstances warrant such an adjustment.

FUNERAL PROCESSIONS

For many years the Police Department has assisted with funeral processions. During a recent procession, there was an accident at one of the intersections. It is not clear as to what happened. Did someone in the procession delay going through the intersection leaving the other motorist to think they could proceed. Or did another motorist not head the funeral procession and when their light turned green entered the intersection. Regardless of the reasons, we have chosen to no longer providing escort services.

FEBRUARY BUILDING PERMITS

The following is a listing of new construction in Kirksville for the period February 1, 2013 through February 28, 2013:

Date: February 1, 2013
Owner: Mahalo Residential
Use: Single Family
Address: 410 N. Davis
Permit No.: 7844
Const. Co.: F & H Homes

Date: February 5, 2013
Owner: Michael Hardee
Use: Storage
Address: 2015 S. Osteopathy
Permit No.: 7846
Const. Co.: Jepson Lumber

Date: February 6, 2013
Owner: Hickman & Read
Use: Multi Family
Address: 205 W. Jefferson Apts. 1-15
Permit No.: 7847
Const. Co.: Adam Davis Construction