

KIRKSVILLE CITY COUNCIL **NEWSLETTER . . .**

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SALES TAX

City staff made presentations over the past month to the various community service clubs and organizations who were interested in learning more about the proposed Economic Development Sales Tax on the April 5 ballot. Flyers have been posted around the community, and brochures made available to citizens.

MML ELECTED OFFICIALS TRAINING

The Missouri Municipal League is once again providing training for elected officials on June 9 and 10, 2016, in Columbia. This is training for all elected officials, not just newly elected officials. Please let City Clerk Vickie Brumbaugh know during the next few weeks if you plan to attend. Some of the topics are: Conducting City Business, Building Better Cities, Local Revenue Sources, as well as a session on the Sunshine Law, the Ethics Commission, and MML services.

COOPERATIVE PURCHASING

City staff have been exploring various options for purchasing equipment and supplies in an effort to reduce costs. One of those ways identified is the use of cooperative purchasing. This was discussed during the Fire Department presentation at the last Study Session. In reviewing the City purchasing policy, City policy does allow cooperative purchasing both within the State of Missouri and with other cooperative entities.

AQUATIC CENTER REVIEW

City staff have been working with Benton & Associates on a number of projects, and through those discussions, the Aquatic Center review planned for this year was discussed. Benton & Associates was the engineering firm that had worked with the City on our multi-million water plant rehabilitation project that was completed in 2005. The City has hired a new Water Superintendent who will begin his work on April 11. Benton & Associates has offered to conduct a walk-through with City staff, in addition, they will also do a walk-through of the Aquatic Center to assist staff in identifying issues. Since the City Council budgeted funds to complete an engineering evaluation of the Aquatic Center, since Benton & Associates is our only local engineering firm with expertise in this area, would the Council be willing to allow staff to negotiate an engineering agreement to complete the Aquatic Center assessment?

FOUNDERS DAY BANNERS

As last discussed in the March 16, 2016 Council Newsletter, City staff and the City's Friends of Forest-Llewellyn Cemetery Committee have scheduled the City's Founders Day Dinner for May 14, 2016. To commemorate Founders Day, the City has ordered banners for the pedestrian lights along Franklin Street in the Downtown. Please see an image of the banners attached to this Newsletter. They will be on display for the month of May.

ADAIR COUNTY AND THE KRAFT HEINZ COMPANY EXPANSION

The Adair County Commission has decided to not contribute to the public parking lot portion of the overall Kraft Heinz Company expansion project during a meeting March 29, 2016. The Commission was approached by Kirksville Regional Economic Development Inc. (K-REDI) Director of Economic Development Carolyn Chrisman shortly after the CDBG funding was not realized and asked to contribute \$100,000. Through various meetings, it was thought that the County might participate if not with cash support then by providing rock for the base of the parking lot. In the end, the County Commission did not approve either measure of support. Despite their reasons for not being able to participate, it was unfortunate to learn that the County Commission and County Clerk stated that they were actually losing money on the project due to the City agreeing to provide the Chapter 100 Bonds. But to state that the retention of this company was costing them money is discouraging. The agreement between the City and Kraft-Heinz, will provide payments in lieu of taxes (PILOTS) in the amount of \$613,039 over the next ten years, at which time the County will receive 100% of the tax revenue from the real and personal property. We can speculate all day whether the project would have come to our community with or without the Chapter 100 Bonds, and the City Council could have chosen to take that gamble, but you chose to support economic development. Business retention and expansion isn't always nice and neat and incentives are not frivolously granted. They are carefully considered. Every taxing district in our county, including the City, is giving up a portion of a huge windfall from this project, in return for jobs and a stronger economic base for the future. In addition, the sales tax loss of \$910,000 is inaccurate. It is based on a \$.01 cent sales tax on \$91 million in equipment. Missouri law provides sales tax exemption on manufacturing equipment.

QUESTIONS OF COUNCIL

In the meeting this past week, Commissioner Carson Adams stated that he had been informed by a member of the City Council that the City had all the money it needed to complete the public parking lot. A member of the Council had communicated to me that he had been asked by the County Commission about the requested money. What I understood was that the Council member was not aware that the County would be asked for funds. This member brought it to my attention at the next Council meeting. We discussed the information that I had shared with the Council previously, and the Council member realized that the County was being asked for funds. As Council members you are going to be asked questions, if you are asked something and you question whether your answer was right or not, do not hesitate to call or stop by so you have the information that you need.

BUSINESS LICENSES

City staff continue to work with those local businesses that have not yet renewed their business licenses but are known to be operating. A number of them continue to work with the Missouri Department of Revenue to receive their “no tax due” statement which is a prerequisite to renewing their business license with the City. The Finance Director will communicate to me the date in which we will begin enforcing the City Code for those businesses that are operating illegally. City staff will update the Council as this process continues.

HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM

City staff have submitted a Notice of Interest (NOI) for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program through the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), which offers the program with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The City’s NOI was submitted for Steer Creek at Bradford Street, the drainage project discussed and supported by the City Council. This project, if funded, will reduce the flooding of homes, and reduce the potential for roadway overtopping and flooding along with the infrastructure damage that comes with these events. The project will address safety concerns for the homes, vehicles and pedestrians in the area. The City recently did construction work at Manor Road downstream to bring it back up to standard. The total project cost estimate is \$1.2 million, with the federal share percentage at 75%, or \$900,000, and the non-federal share percentage at 25%, or \$300,000. City staff will update the Council as the application moves forward.

PROPOSED CDBG PROJECT

City staff has completed a preliminary Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Infrastructure application for Illinois Street improvement. Originally we had hoped to submit Hollis Way that serves the NEMO Fairgrounds, but the State guidelines required us to move to a different project. The selected project is for street and drainage improvements on Illinois Street from Marion Street to Elson Street. We know that the Fire Station floods during rainfall and had included this portion of Illinois in our TIGER application. Since the TIGER application was received favorably but funding was limited, we are working to reduce the size of the TIGER application hoping that will be received positively. The proposed improvements should minimize flood impacts to residential and

commercial properties and street intersections, improve street access, address public safety within the street right of way, and improve homeowner property value. The project will also allow for safe access by all modes of transportation in the area. CDBG funds will pay for \$400,289 of the proposed construction costs (including contingency). The City of Kirksville will donate approximately \$2,500 of in-kind labor for the Design Engineering, \$1,500 in Construction Engineering (inspections), and approximately \$1,000 in grant administration. This brings the project total to \$405,289. City staff will update the Council as the application moves forward.

SMALL BUSINESS INCUBATOR UPDATE

As last discussed in the March 16, 2016 Council Newsletter, the MREIC Small Business Incubator, to be located in the basement of the Economic Development Alliance (EDA) Building, will be rebid. City staff have been working with MREIC staff and enough changes are required from the initial bids that were received to warrant the project being rebid. City staff will update the Council as the project moves forward.

KIRKSVILLE R-III AGREEMENT UPDATE

Following approval of the North Park Use Agreement from both the Kirksville R-III Board of Education and the City Council, Kirksville R-III Superintendent of Schools Damon Kizzire visited with City Manager Mari Macomber regarding the maintenance at the North Park Complex. Macomber explained that the increase of \$500, from \$6,000 to \$6,500, each year was small compared to the increase in expense of maintaining the park. Kizzire expressed an interest from the Athletic Director Scott Latham in the school constructing their own ball fields. The School has discussed this but is concerned for what the future might hold in terms of costs charged by the City. With the present City Manager, the school board is satisfied that the strong partnership will continue, but if someone else were to be in place, they are concerned for potential increases. The School Superintendent was reassured that consistency exists and the Council is supportive of the School. In addition, the City would welcome a longer agreement with some sort of escalator in the fees charged to the School to address inflation. Since that conversation, Kirksville R-III Activities Director Scott Latham resigned.

FIREWORKS ORDINANCE WAIVER REQUEST

A citizen has asked if the ordinance regarding fireworks can be waived for a wedding to be held June 25, 2016. The citizen was directed to Fire Chief Tom Collins. Chief Collins explained the City Ordinance that would only allow the issuance of permits, if the event was public, passed inspection and appropriate insurance were received naming the City as an additional insured. Unfortunately had the wedding been delayed one week, City ordinance would allow the discharge of fireworks for 4th of July. Fireworks can be discharged beginning June 30.

CIPP SANITARY SEWER NORTHTOWN TO ROSEWOOD

Last year, the City began using the cured-in-place pipe program. In the area of North New Street, residents have expressed concern for years about water getting into their basements. Several point to the Wal-Mart detention basin as the source, but in many conversations with former City Engineer John Buckwalter, he cited the 10" sewer main

that runs south from New Street to Rosewood. In reviewing work done for the City by George Butler and Associates, it shows that this 10" line is overloaded and may have infiltration issues during heavy rains. Dennis Snyder videoed the line and found a few pipe joints with tree roots. Dennis stated that the sewer line is in fair condition and will be added to this year's CIPP plan to be cleaned and lined. At least one member of the City Council has brought this issue to my attention, so I am hopeful that this will provide a positive impact to the property owners.

ANN HAYNES CHAPTER OF NSDAR COMMEMORATES VIETNAM WAR VETS

The local Ann Haynes Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) commemorated Vietnam War veterans and their families during a ceremony at the Veteran's Memorial Plaza in Rotary Park on March 29, 2016. Mayor Richard Detweiler was in attendance to present the NSDAR chapter with a proclamation from the City. Please see photographs from the event, along with a thank you letter from Chapter Regent Linda Hudnall, attached to this Newsletter.

JOHN ROY MUSICK STONE SET AT CEMETERY

Progress continues at the Forest-Llewellyn Cemetery. The City's Friends of Forest-Llewellyn Cemetery Committee researched the history and worked on wording for a stone to mark the grave of a man who saved several Kirksville residents during the cyclone of 1899, John Roy Musick. Musick died two years later from injuries sustained from lifting debris off of human beings. According to his obituary, Musick was buried next to his infant son. In later years, his wife, who was a doctor of osteopathic medicine, also passed away. Their graves were never marked. Now, 115 years after his death, a stone has been set to mark John, his wife, and son's burial location in the Beeman Addition of the Cemetery. Mr. Musick was also an author of short stories, politician, and attorney, as noted on his stone. The Musick stone will be dedicated at the City's Founders Day on May 15, 2016. Please see photographs of the stone attached to this Newsletter.

MU MOBILE SHELTER AND MEDICAL UNIT VISITS ACHS

The Adair County Humane Society (ACHS) was recently visited by the University of Missouri (MU) College Of Veterinary Medicine's Mobile Shelter and Medical Unit which provided veterinary services to the shelter, free of charge, in exchange for lunch and the cost of the supplies used. The visit was successful and the ACHS plans to have the unit visit the shelter on a regular basis.

SJR19 2016 UPDATE

As last discussed in the March 16, 2016 Council Newsletter, on February 4, 2016, the Missouri State Senate passed SJR19 2016, which, as you recall, called for a vote of Missourians to amend the Constitution to increase the number of commissioners on the Missouri Conservation Commission from four to eight, with each commissioner appointed from each of the eight conservation districts within the state. The Council voted on February 1, 2016, to write a letter of support in favor of SJR19 2016. When SJR19 2016 was passed, however, it was changed so that it now calls for six, instead of eight, commissioners and those six can be from anywhere in the state. Since that time, the Missouri Farm Bureau has endorsed the original legislation during the 101st Meeting of

the Missouri Farm Bureau Federation. Additionally, the Green Castle Board of Alderman recently passed a resolution in support of the legislation. Please see their resolution of support attached to this Newsletter. City staff will update the Council as this legislation moves through the Missouri House of Representatives.

Attachments:

- Ann Haynes Chapter of NSDAR Commemorates Vietnam War Vets
- Founders Day Banners
- John Roy Musick Stone
- SJR19 2016 Update





Wed 3/30/2016 9:49 AM

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Re: DAR Vietnam Recognition Pictures

To: Mari Maomber

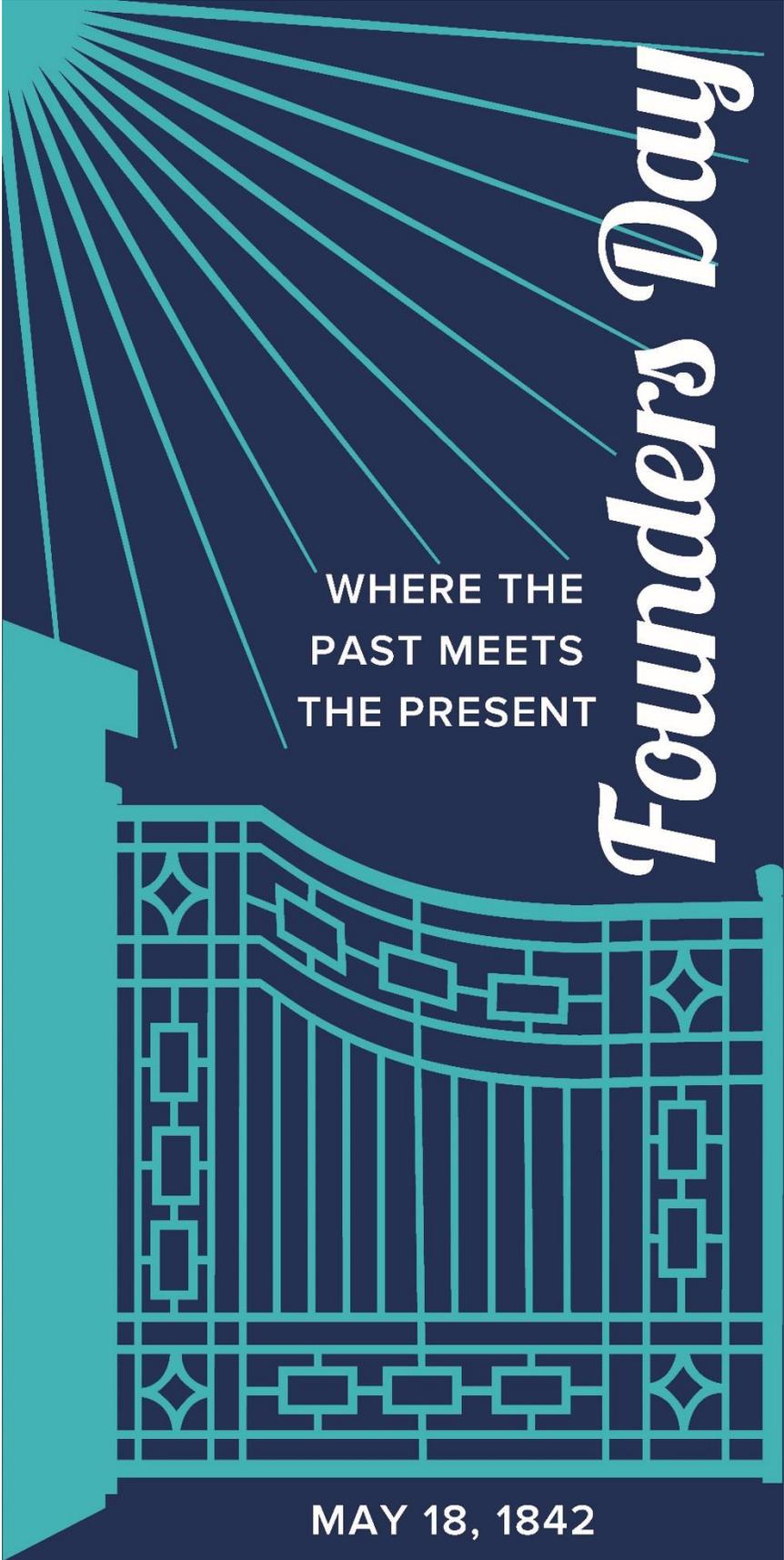
Mari,

On behalf of Ann Haynes Chapter National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, we THANK YOU for your wonderful assistance at our DAR Vietnam Veterans event yesterday. I personally appreciate all your help..... we could not have accomplished it without your help. You are just wonderful!!! Thank you for the pictures and all your time and guidance.!!!!

Best regards,

Linda Hudnall, Regent

P.S. Please remember Mari, how proud we would be to have you in our DAR Chapter and I'm sure we could be of great assistance to you on the necessary paperwork whenever you decide to proceed.



WHERE THE
PAST MEETS
THE PRESENT

Founders Day

MAY 18, 1842



JOHN ROY MUSICK

1849 ~ 1901

AUTHOR, POET

ATTORNEY, POLITICIAN

HISTORIAN, JOURNALIST

WIFE

AUGUSTA P.

(ROZELLE) MUSICK, D.O.

1858 ~ 1921

SON

INFANT MUSICK



CHILDREN

ORA M. MUSICK

HAZEL (MUSICK) HUNT

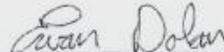
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Resolution of Support

WHEREAS, there are currently four Commissioners appointed by the Governor of Missouri to oversee the Missouri Department of Conservation, the City Government of Green Castle Missouri enthusiastically supports changing the number to eight, one from each of the eight conservation districts in the State of Missouri.

WHEREAS, eight commissioners will offer increased input, more balanced state-wide and local representation and greater opportunities for feedback and accountability of the MDC, we support a bill that will place this issue on the ballot for the voters of Missouri to decide.

Passed by the City of Green Castle and signed by the Mayor this 9, March, 2016



Ervan Dolan, Mayor

cc: Senator Brian Munslinger
Representative Nate Walker
Representative Craig Redman
Representative Sonya Anderson