

WEEKLY REPORT

Week of July 11, 2022

Upcoming

- **Question P: Providing for Public Services** On Aug. 2, Raymore voters will see “City of Raymore Question P” on the ballot. Voter approval of Question P will impose a local use tax of 2.5 percent on the purchase of goods from certain online and out-of-state sellers just as residents currently pay a 2.5 percent local sales tax on goods purchased at Raymore stores.

The state of Missouri and Cass County already collect a use tax from Raymore residents.

Revenue generated from a local use tax will be used to create new positions in the understaffed departments of Raymore Police, Raymore Public Works and Raymore Parks. Our professionals in those departments are dedicated and hardworking, however current staffing levels in Police, Public Works and Parks are not sustainable in order to maintain current service levels.

Nearly half of the City’s operating expenditures already go toward personnel (45.29 percent). Core and essential services always receive the highest priority in committing funds, yet all budgeting decisions are challenging due to the City’s limited resources. Traditional sources of revenue, such as franchise fees, continue a downward trend, yet the City still must pay for and provide essential services that directly affect our citizens. (The City’s budget is a public document available at www.raymore.com/budget. The City’s financial information is audited annually by a firm of independent certified public accountants.)

It’s critical to have police officers available to respond to calls for service and provide public safety services for our residents. Approval of Question P will allow the City of Raymore to create a minimum of four new full time Raymore Police Officer positions.

Our Public Works professionals provide infrastructure services for the entirety of the city, as well as first response and emergency management services. Approval of Question P will allow the City to create a minimum of two new full time Public Works Maintenance Worker positions.

Raymore Parks Maintenance Workers are currently tasked with maintaining more acres of parkland and more athletic fields than comparable cities, and employment levels fall far below the national average. Approval of Question P will allow the City to create a minimum of two additional full time Parks Maintenance Worker positions.

View the City of Raymore’s most recent press release on Question P [here](#).

Learn more about Question P and view a list of frequently asked questions at www.raymore.com/QuestionP

- **Snack & Splash, noon-1:30 p.m., Saturday, July 16 at the Variety KC Inclusive Sprayground at T.B. Hanna Station, 214 S. Washington St.** Enjoy complimentary root beer floats while supplies last and bring a picnic lunch or purchase lunch and snacks from The Jiggy Pig at this event hosted by Raymore Parks & Recreation!



- **Raymore Farmers Market, 4-7 p.m. every Tuesday through September on Municipal Circle behind City Hall.** Shop for local veggies, meats, eggs, honey, homemade baked goods and more at the market every week!
- **Sounds of South Kansas City Community Band, 7-8 p.m., Thursday, July 21 at Centerview, 227 Municipal Circle.** The Raymore Arts Commission hosts the 50-piece local band for their final performance of the year! This event is free and always draws a huge crowd, so arrive early to claim your seat inside Centerview.
- **[REGISTER NOW](#) for the Community Conversation, 6 p.m., Wednesday, July 27 at Centerview, 227 Municipal Circle.** Raymore residents, business owners and stakeholders are invited to attend a Community Conversation. We want to hear from you as we plan long-term for Raymore's future. Learn more and RSVP at www.raymore.com/community

Admin

- Assistant City Manager Ryan Murdock worked with new Emergency Management Director Tim Baldwin on submitting the 2021 EMPG grant.
- Assistant City Manager Ryan Murdock, Communications Manager Melissa Harmer, and Development Services Director David Gress continued their work and collaboration on the upcoming Community Conversation.

City Clerk

- The materials for the Raymore City Council work session on Monday, July 18, have been posted [online](#).

Communications

- Communications Manager Melissa Harmer and Recreation and Facilities Superintendent Jimmy Gibbs were guests on Monday morning's Foxwood Springs television show. Thank you so much to Rosemary Schafer and the FSTV crew for the invitation and for allowing us to share information with Foxwood Springs residents on Question P and Raymore's parks and programs.
- Thank you to everyone who donated blood (or tried!) at Tuesday's blood drive. Blood donations are essential to keep area hospitals supplied with lifesaving blood for patients. 41 units of blood were collected, surpassing the goal of 35 units. The next City hosted blood drive at Centerview will be Nov. 16, but if you want to donate sooner, visit savealifenow.org to find a nearby mobile drive or donor center.
- The Raymore Arts Commission met for a regular meeting on July 12.

Development Services

- City Planner Dylan Eppert, Economic Development Director Brandon Keller and Development Services Director David Gress attended a planning meeting with the City of Peculiar and representatives from the Raymore-Peculiar School District to discuss growth and development activities within the community.
- Economic Development Director Brandon Keller attended the Small Manufacturers' CONNECTION Event hosted by UMKC for a networking tour of the new Innovation Studio located on UMKC's campus.
- City Planner Dylan Eppert and Development Services Director David Gress attended the First Suburbs Coalition meeting, hosted by the Mid America Regional Council.
- GIS Coordinator Heather Eisenbarth attended the ESRI User Conference in San Diego, CA.
- The Planning and Zoning Commission is scheduled to meet next Tuesday, July 19, at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 100 Municipal Circle.

Human Resources

- Human Resources Manager Shawn Aulgur participated in a joint board of directors meeting for GKC IPMA-HR.
- Human Resources Manager Shawn Aulgur participated in a board of directors meeting for MO PRIMA.

Parks & Recreation

- Athletic Coordinator Todd Brennon announced that adult softball kicked off this week at Recreation Park. 10 teams are registered this season.
- Adult cornhole was temporarily moved to Lions Shelter on Friday due to a scheduling conflict.
- Recreation Coordinator Corinne Harkins noted the Birch Sunset Painting class was held at Centerview with a group of 16 participants.

- [Snack and Splash](#) is this Saturday, July 16, 12-1:30 p.m. at the Variety KC Inclusive Sprayground at T.B. Hanna Station. Free root beer floats will be provided while supplies last and the Jiggy Pig will be onsite with lunch and snacks for purchase. Learn more at www.raymore.com/TBHannaStation
- Recreation Coordinator Corinne Harkins summarized this weeks; camp theme: Olympics Week. 100 campers spent the week playing a variety of sports and then ended the week competing "Olympic Style."
- Park Superintendent Steve Rulo reported that park crews completed turf and tree maintenance throughout the park system including weed cleanup in flower beds.
- Park crews worked on irrigation systems adjustments and upgrades at Centerview and the RAC.
- Communications Manager Melissa Harmer and Recreation Superintendent Jimmy Gibbs met onsite at the amphitheater at Hawk Ridge Park to discuss scheduled lighting installation improvements.

Police

- Several members of the police department attended a community event at Ridgeway Villas to engage with the residents and answer any questions they might have about police services or the community in general.
- Deputy Chief Jim Wilson attended the Safe School Task Force meeting at the RayPec Administration building.
- Several members of the police department attended Active Shooter/Intruder Response Training at Peculiar City Hall and discussed upcoming training with the Raymore-Peculiar School District.
- A conditional offer of employment was made to a candidate for the open Communications Officer position.
- Deputy Chief Jim Wilson attended a Missouri Peace Officers Association Board meeting via Zoom.



Public Works

Engineering

- Completed Zone 3 curb evaluation
- Continued working to install the sewer lines on Edgewater 9th, Parkside and Timber Trails 3rd
- In the process of repairing the crosswalk at Skyline Drive and 58 Highway

Operations and Maintenance

- 11 City Hall Work Orders
- 8 Driveway Inspections
- 4 Final ROW Inspections
- 203 Locates
- 25 Service Requests
- 3 Sewer Inspection
- 8 Water Inspections
- 6 Sidewalk Inspection
- 10 Water Taps
- 1 Curb Inspection
- Activated new water meters
- Uploaded and entered annual backflow reports
- Located buried water meter pits
- Street crew assisted water crew in a water leak at West Lucy Webb Road
- Worked on locating water leak at West Lucy Webb Road
- Delivered trash and recycling carts
- Stocked water supply room with tap material
- Fleet maintenance
- Concrete inspections
- Picked up another pallet of concrete for curb patching
- Completed 3 concrete service requests
- Patched curbs on the following streets: W Buena Vista Drive; Shiloh Drive; and N Oxford Drive for a total of 370 ft patched, using 40 bags of concrete
- Began preparation for paint striping
- Received and prepared to install STOP AHEAD signs at Hubach Hill Road & J Highway
- Street sweeping