

WEEKLY REPORT

Week of March 4, 2024

Upcoming

- **Question P Open House: Noon-3 p.m. & 5-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 20 and 9 a.m.-noon & 5-7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 21 at Raymore City Hall, 100 Municipal Circle.**

Raymore residents will see Question P, a local use tax, on the April 2 ballot. A local use tax is equal to the City of Raymore's sales tax (2.5%) on the purchase of goods strictly from out-of-state vendors – often online – that

currently do not collect Raymore sales tax. Revenue from a local use tax will be used to hire more Police, Public Works Maintenance Workers and Parks Maintenance Workers to our workforce and will provide funds for yearly maintenance of Raymore's stretch of 58 Highway (while still allowing the City to invest more than \$2 million per year into the annual street preservation and curb replacement programs for residential streets and thoroughfares). 291 other Missouri cities have a voter-approved use tax in place to fund essential city services. Learn more and ask staff questions at an open house or visit www.raymore.com/questionp

- **Raymore Easter Festival, 10 a.m., Saturday, March 30 at Recreation Park, 1011 S. Madison St.** Children 4th grade and under are invited to hunt more than 15,000 eggs at this annual event!

Administration

- The Raymore City Council approved the award of contract for the Ward Road Construction Project and the award of contract for reconstruction of trails at Recreation and Memorial Parks. [Click here to learn more about both of these major infrastructure projects.](#)

City Clerk

- [Click here](#) to view the materials for the March 18 City Council work session.



Communications

- Mayor Kris Turnbow and Communications Manager Melissa Harmer were guests on the Foxwood Springs TV morning show March 11.
- Communications Manager Melissa Harmer presented information on Question P to the Arts Commission, Park Board and Board of Adjustment at their meetings this week.
- Communications Manager Melissa Harmer met with a representative of Text My Gov via Zoom to review updates to the widget and service.

Development Services

- Development Services Director David Gress and City Planner Dylan Eppert met with the Raymore-Peculiar School District to discuss residential growth.
- The Development Review Committee met with Olsson Studio for our monthly check-in regarding the Comprehensive Plan.
- City Planner Dylan Eppert attended a webinar hosted by the American Planning Association regarding "Digital Twins 101."
- Development Services Director David Gress and City Planner Dylan Eppert met with the newest member of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Welcome to the commission, Loren Shanks!
- City Planner Dylan Eppert conducted a final walk through of The Venue at the Good Ranch as this project is nearing completion.
- The Board of Zoning Adjustment met on March 13 to review one variance application for the property located at the northeast corner of 58 Highway and Kentucky Road adjacent to China Star. The Board approved a request to allow two drive-thru canopies to be constructed inside the 30' front yard setback area. The Board of Adjustment will have its next meeting on Apr. 10 at 6 p.m.
- The materials for the March 19 meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission have been [posted online](#).

Economic Development

- Economic Development Director Jordan Lea attended the Raymore Chamber of Commerce's Events Committee meeting.

- Economic Development Director Jordan Lea attended the Raymore Chamber of Commerce's Spring After Hours event.
- Economic Development Director Jordan Lea attended Find Best-Fit Tenants webinar hosted by Placer.AI.

Human Resources

- Human Resources Director Shawn Aulgur participated in the interview process for Public Works Maintenance Worker.
- Human Resources Director Shawn Aulgur, Development Services Director David Gress and IT Director Jim Mayberry conducted several oral board interviews for GIS Coordinator.
- Human Resources Director Shawn Aulgur attended a Work Comp Symposium at Midwest Public Risk.
- Human Resources Director Shawn Aulgur attended the MOPrima board of directors meeting.
- Human Resources Director Shawn Aulgur attended a ICMA Coaching Webinar on Nurturing the Next Generation of City and County Leaders.

Parks & Recreation

- The Parks and Recreation Board approved contracts for the Centerview Detention Landscaping project and construction of an outdoor pickleball court at Recreation Park and a basketball court at Hawk Ridge Park. Items will now go before the City Council on March 25.
- Recreation Superintendent Todd Brennon attended the second year of Revenue Development and Management School sponsored by National Recreation & Park Association in Wheeling, WV.
- The Parks and Recreation Department welcomed new team member Cecilia Walther as the Recreation Coordinator.
- Athletic Coordinator Nick Cook has been working on spring sports schedules, prepping and stocking the concession stands and hosted a flag football coaches meeting.
- Recreation Coordinators Corinne Harkins and Cecilia Walther worked on the upcoming Easter Festival, summer camp and some on the job training.

- The Park Maintenance crew began de-winterizing the restrooms in the parks. Restrooms at the soccer and baseball complexes at Recreation Park will open Saturday, March 23 for the season. All other restrooms will open Saturday, March 30. Park hours are 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- The Parks Maintenance crew painted the soccer fields at Recreation Park, power washed the shelters in preparation for rental season and started working the infields at the baseball complex.
- Business Development Coordinator Candice Mangum continued planning for the upcoming Royals Opening Day Watch Party (details coming soon) and continued advertising all of our rental opportunities throughout the parks. Contact Candice at cmangum@raymore.com if you need somewhere to host a party or event.

Police

- Several members of the police department participated in meetings with Central Square to discuss records conversions and the Jail Management System.
- Four officers participated in a Detective process Tuesday for an upcoming opening.
- The Police Department hosted a Child Protection Center Protocol training event at Centerview. Several Raymore officers attended the training.
- The MoDOT Spring Impaired Driving Enforcement Campaign begins March 15 in an effort to reduce impaired driving and decrease the number of motor vehicle accidents that are due to impairment.
- Communications Supervisor Adrienne Rinehart attended a CentralSquare IT project meeting and other CentralSquare configuration sessions virtually.
- Communications Officer Mari Spratt attended a training hosted by Mid-America Regional Council titled "Moral Injury in 911: Addressing the Silent Trauma" at Lee's Summit Police Department.
- Communications Supervisor Adrienne Rinehart attended the Cass County Dispatch Supervisors meeting virtually.
- School Youth Community Outreach Officer Stephanie Hornbeck and Chief Wilson attended the first week of the Police Department's Citizens Academy.

Public Works Engineering

- The pre-bid meeting for the 2024 Curb Project and the 2024 Street Preservation Project will be held next week.
- The construction of 163rd and Eastbrook 4th plats is continuing to move forward as expected. The contractor plans to have asphalt down on 163rd Street in the next week or two.
- Redford Construction is working on the sewer lines associated with Madison Valley Phase 3.

Operations and Maintenance

- 12 City Hall Work Orders
- 4 Driveway Inspections
- 6 Final ROW Inspections
- 176 Locates
- 15 Service Requests
- 1 Sewer Inspections
- 2 Sidewalk Inspections
- 1 Curb Inspections
- 1 Water Inspections
- Fleet maintenance
- Pothole Patching
- Completed miscellaneous water service requests
- Made sign repairs throughout city
- Activated new water meters
- Completed miscellaneous street repair service requests