

Weekly Report



Week of Jan. 2, 2017

Upcoming

- Are you interested in leading our City? Candidate filings for the Raymore City Council are now open for the spring Municipal Election.

The General Municipal election for the City of Raymore will be held April 4. Filing for this election will continue through Jan. 17. Interested candidates must file at City Clerk's office at City Hall, 100 Municipal Circle.

A \$20 filing fee is required at the time the candidate declares candidacy. One seat in each of the four (4) wards will be open to serve a two-year term. One seat in ward one (1) will be open to serve a one-year, unexpired term. To learn more, visit www.Raymore.com/CityClerk.

Current filings (in order) to date are as follows:

Ward 1: Reginald Townsend (one-year unexpired term)
Ward 1: John Seimears (one-year unexpired term)*
Ward 1-Kevin Kellogg (two-year term)*
*Ward 2-Joseph Burke, III**
Ward 2-Ronnie Brightwell
*Ward 3-Kevin Barber**
Ward 4-John Berendzen
Ward 4-Roland Scanlan

**incumbent City Council Member*



Administration

- Communications Manager Mike Ekey worked with Haub Photography to take current photos of all City employees and police officers. The professional portrait photos will be used in a variety of places including the website, internal newsletters, press releases and reports throughout the year.

City Clerk

- City Clerk Jeanie Woerner and Deputy City Clerk Erica Hill participated in a webinar previewing the 2017 Missouri legislative session provided by Missouri Municipal League.

Community Development

- On Tuesday the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of the 24th amendment to the Unified Development Code. This amendment makes minor code changes as suggested by the Commission as part of its annual review of the City's development code.

Police

- Communications Officer Juli Driskill celebrated her 10th anniversary serving the citizens of Raymore.
- Chief Jan Zimmerman conducted the Kansas City Metropolitan Chiefs and Sheriffs meeting at the Argosy Casino as the incoming president for 2017. The discussion focused on legislative updates affecting law enforcement.
- Emergency Management Coordinator Ryan Murdock participated in a meeting of the Integrated Warning Team with other members from the region.
- Capt. Jim Wilson and Chief Jan Zimmerman attended a meeting with Gov.-Elect Eric Greitens who addressed police and other first responders at the Kansas City Police Department Academy.
- Communications Supervisor Starlith McAdams met with the Missouri State Highway Patrol CJIS Division about Raymore hosting the upcoming criminal rap sheet training.
- Chief Jan Zimmerman participated as a board member when the Metro Squad was activated for a homicide in Riverside.

Parks & Recreation

- Recreation staff updated the operations manuals for concessions and special events.
- Staff finalized the special event reports for the 2016.
- Staff sent letters inviting Farmers Market vendors to a meeting on Feb. 8 to discuss changes in the market's policies and procedures.
- Athletic Coordinator Hedrick attended South Metro Sports Group Competitive Basketball Coaches meeting on Thursday and the game scheduling meeting on Friday.
- Staff completed interviews for part-time seasonal scorekeepers and clock operators for youth basketball program.
- Staff researched clock systems for recreational facilities and staffing.
- Even with the winter weather, staff remained busy with duties throughout the City. Staff sent maintenance equipment to the service shop for annual maintenance. They also continued to trim trees and cleaned/repairing baseball field equipment.
- Staff finalized the Park Board Work Session Packet for Jan. 10. Discussion at that meeting will include the the future of the Raymore Cemetery.

Public Works

- Crews worked continuously Wednesday evening and Thursday clearing snow from the City's streets. As part of this round of winter weather, staff also continued to test the City's snow plow GPS tracking system.

This new system tracks the progress of every City snow plow as it treats roadways during a winter storm. This allows the city to track what streets have been treated and will give residents a clear picture of how much work goes into clearing more than 350 miles worth of roads in Raymore.

As the City finishes testing the system, residents will soon be able to see in real-time the City's snow plow progress.

Public Works Director Mike Krass said he expects to have the system live to the public by the next snowstorm in Raymore.

Once live, the map will be located at www.Raymore.com/Snow.

- Building Maintenance Technician Daryl Quade and Engineering Administrative Assistant Margie Sullivan coordinated the purchase of floor mats for various buildings. This will result in an annual cost savings of approximately \$3,000 as opposed to leasing the mats.

