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NEWSLETTER

October 2023

MAYORS MESSAGE

While preparing our annual budget, it became apparent that Lyndon would have to look at ways to raise revenue to maintain the quality of life you are used to and have come to expect from our City. Costs have gone up, which are beyond our control. Sanitation contract is up 40%, Utilities up 35%, Police & Public Works Fleet 150%, City Insurance 50%, just to name a few. While we have money in reserves to cover the current fiscal year and maybe two more, in August, the City Council passed an Ordinance creating a 1% Occupational Tax. The population of Lyndon is estimated to double in size during the work week. Employees coming to work in Lyndon travel our roads, use our parks, and benefit from the protection of our Police department. We aim to improve our City with every budget, but rising costs and providing necessary services prevent us from taking on projects that propel our City into a more desirable place to live, work and play.

The projected revenue from this tax will more than cover our current costs and ensure stability for the future. We are in the process of several capital projects and now many more can finally be brought to the table. Several Lyndon streets are sub-standard width and in dire need of resurfacing. Paving those streets before taking the time to address drainage and poor initial design would be a waste of time and money. Engineering these changes will be costly and completing the vision will take more. You definitely know which streets I am referring to if you live on one of them. Sidewalks in Lyndon are either non-existent on many streets or are in desperate need of replacement. We have been budgeting properly for these issues over the years, but the additional revenue we expect to bring in will allow us to address these infrastructure deficiencies over several years instead of a decade of piecing projects together.

The City hosted its annual Fall Festival in early October at Robsion Park, proving to be another successful event. The weather was wonderful and the company was delightful. Fun was had by all who attended. During these events I am always reminded of how humbling it is to be your Mayor and honored to have your confidence.





LONG TIME CITY EMPLOYEE RETIRES

On October 1st, Maury "Moe" Tischendorf retired from St. Matthews/Lyndon Fire and Lyndon Public Works. Moe joined Lyndon Fire in 1986 as a volunteer firefighter then was hired as a full-time firefighter in 1993. Since that wasn't enough work for him already, he was hired by Mayor Barto in 1996 to work on our public works team. In his time, he has installed/replaced hundreds of street signs, filled countless potholes, mowed thousands of miles of grass, and has cleaned up the City streets, parks and beautification areas. You would surely recognize him while he was out and about.



Mayor Hagan said this about his employment with the City, "Thank you for serving Lyndon first as a volunteer firefighter and then on your off days, working part-time maintenance for 27 years. As a son of Lyndon, your service to your community has been unmatched. Thank you for doing whatever I have asked of you during our time together, your behind the scenes work ethic makes me look good! You will be missed!" Moe was quoted saying, "Thanks to everyone who has made my career such a wonderful experience. My time in the fire service and city maintenance was such a great experience for me."

Moe will be honored by the Council this month for his dedication to Lyndon.

OCCUPATIONAL TAX

On August 28, 2023, Lyndon Council passed an Ordinance establishing an Occupational Tax of 1% for all wages earned within the City of Lyndon. This action falls in line with the majority of cities with a population of more than 10,000 within Metro Louisville. Beginning January 1, 2024, all businesses are required to begin withholding the 1% Occupational Tax, in addition to current Louisville Metro requirements. Payments to the City for the Occupational Tax are on a quarterly basis. All the forms are available on the city website: www.cityoflyndon.org under the "Business" tab. As stated in page 1, this tax will keep the city with a balanced budget to address the needs of the residents. Hopefully this inflation cools and costs will flatten. Until then, the City of Lyndon strives to deliver quality customer service and will continue to do so at best value for our residents. Additionally, this tax will ensure that your Property Taxes will not need to be raised. In fact, we aim to keep the lowest rate possible as we continue to be less than all Cities adjacent.

POLICE HEADQUARTERS

We are excited to report we're in the homestretch of the design and engineering phase for our new headquarters located at 908 Ormsby Lane. Here is the final rendering.



THINGS TO KNOW...

LEAF REMOVAL LETTERS will be mailed out at the end of October with your scheduled dates. Please read entire letter for regulations so that service may run smoothly.

GENERAL ELECTION date is Tuesday, November 7, 2023. Early voting is available, please check dates and locations on Jefferson County Board of Elections website: elections.jeffersoncountyclerk.org. If you have any questions, please contact their office:

Phone: (502) 574-6100 or E-mail: Elections@JeffersonCountyClerk.org

NEW FOOD PANTRY HOURS - 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at Lyndon City Hall: 12pm -1pm

FREE METRO LOUISVILLE POP-UP JUNK DROP OFF DATES

October 21st - 10 am - 2 pm - Shawnee Park, 4501 W. Broadway, 40211 November 18th - 10 am -2 pm - UofL Shelby Campus, 440 N. Wittington Pkwy, 40222

LIGHT UP LYNDON- December 3rd from 4pm-7pm. Details on back.