

**State of the City
February 13, 2018
City Council Meeting**

In keeping with Act 14-43-504 requiring a report to the Council on the municipal affairs of the city, I have the following to report to the Council:

The City is financially sound. Our state turn back and sales tax revenue is consistent. We are using the one percent sales tax for capital improvements and our 2015 Bond refinancing capital to complete proposed capital improvement projects which will be completed by mid-August of this year.

Department heads have given the following information from their records:

City Inspector report:

City Inspector Scotty Jones reports that in 2017 commercial construction permits were issued for 8 new buildings, 1 addition, and 2 renovations; residential construction permits were issued for 17 new homes and 6 renovations. Total revenue for construction permits was \$7,086.60. Inspection permits for commercial construction totaled 44 for new buildings and 6 for renovations; Residential inspections totaled 67 for new construction and 43 for renovations. There were a total of 88 commercial inspections and 187 residential inspections, with revenue for inspections coming to \$2,940.00.

Dollar General and Traxo Fitness, completed their buildings; NEA Baptist Clinic, Burger King, and Sanders Pizza began their buildings. La Fiesta Grill completed renovation of its building as did St. Bernards Clinic and Physical Therapy Center.

Civil Enforcement report:

The position of City Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer was split between 2 departments, with Code Enforcement moving to the Police Department as Civil Enforcement, headed by Captain Gary Henry and City Inspector moving to Public Works with Scotty Jones becoming the Inspector. Captain Henry and Eric Willbanks are obtaining certifications to help with inspections.

Captain Henry took over in July upon the loss of Gary Anderson. Animal Control, under the supervision of Captain Henry, handled 602 calls for stray dogs. The animal facility was renovated with funding from TIDC. From July through December, Captain Henry handled 201 civil enforcement/code issues. Captain Henry works closely with City Inspector Scotty Jones.

Trumann Fire Department report:

Trumann Fire Department responded to 626 total incidents. One hundred thirty-five incidents were fire-related (44 structure fires); 286 incidents were medical emergencies; 37 were motor vehicle/search and rescue incidents, and 168 calls were for miscellaneous incidents

The Department was able to improve Trumann's ISO rating from a 4 to a 3. This was achieved by extra training and firefighter certifications. This is the first ISO improvement since 2008.

In November the Department took delivery of a 2018 Pierce Impel Custom Pumper truck, fully equipped as required by NFPA 1901.

The Department also was awarded the FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$155,000.00 for the purchase of 25 SCBA (air-packs). In addition a grant from Arkansas Rural Development for \$11,000.00 was used to purchase a PPE washer/extractor and dryer to meet NFPA 1851 standards.

The Fire Department ran the concession stand at Cedar Park Ball Field again in 2017, using the money to purchase Christmas gifts for families and children in need.

Repeating their performance in the 2016 NEA Firefighter Challenge, Trumann's Department placed first in every event.

Last, the station had its roof repaired, added insulation, and used the Entergy Clearresults program to change all of its lights to LED's.

Public Works Report:

Trumann Public Works completed and occupied their new facility at 704 Highway 463 North. This facility is the main operations center for Water, Sewer, Streets, Sanitation, Parks, Mosquito, Building Inspection, and Flood Plain Management departments. The 6,600 square foot facility is located on 2.5 acres. Trumann Public Works total annual operating budget is \$2,608,041.00. On average Public Works employs 26 to 29 people.

In 2017 the **Water division** produced 226,146,000 gallons of water with no Arkansas Department of Health violations. The division also completed renovations to the Industrial Park elevated storage tank at a cost of \$296,000.00.

The **Wastewater division** treated and discharged 158,194,000 gallons of wastewater with no Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality violations. The wastewater division also installed 3 new wastewater lift stations at a cost of \$150,000.00.

The **Street division** used 500,000 pounds of asphalt patch material to repair our city streets. The division also became a part of the Asphalt management team. This allowed the division to have all of our city streets assessed and recorded by video and on Google Maps. The data will be used for review and planning for future repairs.

The **Sanitation division** collected and hauled to the landfill 8,202,740 pounds of garbage, junk and demolition debris. In 2017 9 derelict properties were removed by the department. The division has 4 major pieces of collection equipment at a total cost of \$635,000.00.

The **Parks** division maintained nearly 225 acres of city-owned property and/or state-owned right of ways. The division, in conjunction with our Tree City USA committee, continued to plant

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new trees throughout our city for a total of 16 trees. Nine trees were removed and approximately 400 were trimmed.

The **Mosquito** division sprayed 900 gallons of material for mosquito control. Application was started in late May and ended in early October. The division also funded 2 aerial applications at a cost of \$9,000.00.

Trumann Police Department Report:

Chief Chad Henson supervises 26 police and civilians: 1 assistant chief, 1 administrative assistant 11 patrol, 1 SRO, 3 CID, 5 dispatchers, 3 part-time, 1 civil enforcement, 1 animal control. Dispatch handled 13,260 total calls, with officers responding to 6,747 times, approximately 613 calls per patrol officer. Reserve officers who completed training were Dispatchers Denise Whitman, Amy Kary and Brianna Jones; Officers Kevin Hazelwood, Justin Smith and Ronnie Henley.

Officer Rinehart is the Officer in charge of Sex Offenders. She participated in Operation Nighthawk sex offender registration and compliance enforcement along with federal, state, and local law enforcement, an operation that resulted in 17 arrests and valuable information from each registered and non-registered offender. The Civil Enforcement Division focusing on drug trafficking was formed in March. One property was abated. The task force made up of Police, Fire, Public Works, and Trumann Housing Authority personnel meet regularly to discuss progress and to plan.

Trumann Police Department is committed to training: Officers attended “Stop the Bleeding,” “School of Law Enforcement Supervision,” and “Active Shooter” Training.

Awards were given to Logan Thomas, AACP Officer of the Year; Sgt Chad Mason, DWI Enforcement; Sgt Overstreet, motor vehicle occupant protection.

Trumann Sports and Recreation Program report:

The Trumann Sports program saw an increase of 7 teams to baseball and softball in the spring season and an increase of 5 teams to total 13 teams in flag football. The Complex hosted 20 tournaments: 17 baseball/softball and 3 football playoffs. Teams from Tennessee, Mississippi Missouri, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Illinois, as well as teams from all over Arkansas play in our tournaments.

The Complex took in \$31,451.25 in revenue and operated within the budget, returning \$7435.05 to the City’s General Fund. Sponsorships totaled \$7,300. Field sponsorship was \$2,500; \$4,800 was for teams, and Taylor-Stuckey donated \$2,000 in grass treatment and fertilizer. Coffey Plumbing donated \$1,500 for the batting cage. Sales tax revenue generated by the Complex games and tournaments cannot be calculated, but we have seen hefty increases in sales at local retail and restaurants every time a tournament is in town, with some food businesses reporting record breaking weekends.

Upgrades to the Complex include a batting cage, new bases, new backstops and temporary fencing for youth games. Craighead Electric filmed a commercial for the Electric Cooperatives on the fields.

Trumann Public Library report:

Librarian Janie Teague reported Trumann Public Library serves 8,000 card-carrying patrons and 2000 citizens who use the Library's high-speed computers.

Trumann Administration report:

Administration completed most of the renovation of the Municipal Complex. The City Inspector/Code Enforcement position was split between 2 departments: Inspections are under Public Works; Code Enforcement is under the Police Department's Civil Enforcement division. Two properties on West Main Extended were annexed into the City; 10 properties along Industrial Park Road were annexed, along with the I-555 right of way. More annexations are planned in order to square the City limits and to provide for controlled growth and development. TIDC approved funding to work with EAPDD and James Walden of Garver to update the City's 1999 Land Use Plan. The City is also participating in LUCA in preparation for the 2020 census.

Mayor Barbara Lewallen