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Mayor's Message

Quick Fact:

City Water Usage

July 2014
66,932,000

July 2013
67,566,000

YTD 2014
212,253,000

Total 2013
411,766,000

Your City Representatives Mayor

Julie L. Scott

Council Members

Melissa Williams
Adam Keatts
Marge Nyhagen
Loren Peterson
William Jenkins
Larry Dickerson
Bernie Yanke

City Administrator

Patrick H. Reay

Thanks for Getting Involved in College Place

Thank you to the many people that are part of the city government as citizens of College Place. One group critical to the functioning of the city is the Planning Commission, made up of volunteer members of our community that assist the council with planning and zoning issues – advising and collecting input that is sent back for legislative consideration to the City Council.

The seven members of the commission are Glenn Carter, Tad Hiner, and Scott Keller (all serving in second 4-year terms) and Monte Puymon, Scott Duncan, Eileen Davis, and Matthew White (serving in their first 4-year terms). These seven and the previous citizens who have served on the planning commission perform a critical role for the city. However, that important contribution is sometimes invisible to the wider community because they don't pass legislation, so I want to thank them publicly and invite my fellow citizens to do the same.

Also, I want to offer a warm thank you to the four candidates who went through the interviewing process for the open City Council position #1 seat. All four candidates would have made fine members of the council, and I hope that the

three not chosen at this time will continue to be active members of the community.

Road Classifications

One question that a number of citizens in our community have asked is: "Why did we fix that section of Davis St. when 4th St. right around the corner looks pretty bad?" The short answer is "Road Classification." The Federal Highways Administration had classified Davis St. to make it eligible for improvements under a federal grant system -- other problem roads in the city were not eligible at the same time. The Federal Grant helped the city fix that segment of Davis St. all the way down to the bedrock for a fraction of what it would have cost the city for the repair. The total cost of the project was nearly \$180,000, and the grant covered just over 69% of that amount.

But we have GOOD NEWS! The Federal Highways Administration recently reclassified thirteen other local streets thanks to the application and steady efforts of Robert Gordon, our city engineer, Jon Rickard, our city planner, and Paul Hartwig, our public works director. This means that other roadways in College Place will become eligible for federal grants for their improvement (this doesn't ensure that funding will be given, but opens the possibility of applying

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for assistance). We have to be patient, but city staff will continue to work to receive funding to improve these other roadways. Meanwhile, in the planning stages, is a sidewalk project along Ash Street between Whitman and 4th Sts. and a much-needed sidewalk project on 4th St. between Davis and Academy (with projected repaving of that section of the roadway to follow). The sidewalk project is contingent upon the City receiving grant funds from the Transportation Improvement Board and if awarded, the project will have a targeted completion date by the end of 2015. In all, the new classification adds 4.2 miles of roads within our city that are eligible to receive federal and state assistance.

And just to add one more important detail: while we all know the sections of town where roads are still in need of improvement, it is worthwhile to note that since 2006 through next year, the city will have reconstructed, resurfaced, chip-sealed, or repaved over half of all our roads. Thanks to the hard work of

the city staff who have made this possible and the patient citizens who support these efforts.

School is Starting

The cooler nights and back-to-school advertising remind those of us without young children that the new school year is about to start. It is exciting for all of us to watch the progress of Davis Elementary School. Congratulations to the administration, teachers, and students on the construction of a new school; it is beautiful.

There is also a lot of excitement as we welcome the inaugural freshman high school class to its temporary quarters in Sager Gymnasium. Everyone involved is anticipating the opening of the new high school next fall, and meanwhile thanks to everyone for their patience during this year of construction. Welcome class of 2018!

And just a final reminder to all of us: Please be aware of kids in crosswalks and observe the speed limits in school zones. For more information about the new schools, visit www.cpps.org.