

City Manager Update – 7/5/24

I hope everyone had a Happy (and safe) 4th of July. I live on the Hill on Live Oak (just within the city limits) and the fireworks discharged in the county (about 300 yards away) wreaked havoc on my dogs. I'm sure other dog owners within the city limits experienced similar issues. More importantly, some Veterans with PTSD have a difficult time coping with the loud artillery-type fireworks --- not to mention the potential fire hazard. The Smithville PD published notice on social media in advance of the 4th of July that discharging fireworks inside the city limits was against city ordinance and punishable by fine. Three (3) compliant calls were received and seventeen (7) incidents identified by the officers on patrol the evening of the 4th with the Smithville PD issuing 4 warnings.

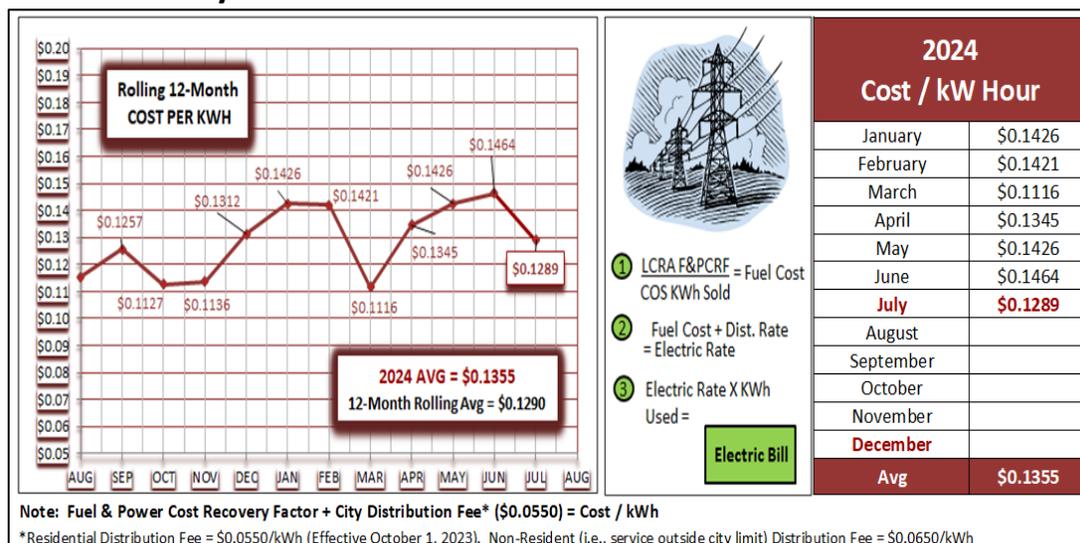
We received approximately 2.15" of rain from Tropical Storm Alberto (June 19-21). There were about a dozen power outages from the event but no reports of any flooding within our community. However, several large trees met their demise (6th and Gresham, 700 block of Olive in the alley, and on Webb Street). City crews worked diligently through the night and the next day to restore power and cut / clear the debris from the fallen trees. A local artist (Michelle Gardella) wrote a very poignant tribute (blog) about the many heritage / legacy trees throughout our community and the impact of losing a 200-year-old oak tree had upon the families for which it provided shade and protection. Here is an excerpt from the blog - *"Magnolia, Live Oak, Pecan, and Crepe Myrtle. Here, they're more like the names of beloved Aunts and Uncles than stumps sticking out of the ground. They are the keepers of Smithville's darkest secrets and home to the sweetest memories. First kisses, dog burials, family picnics, and first steps echo in the shade of our gentle giants."* Click on the following link for the complete blog piece → [FULL MOON MUSINGS](#).

The National Hurricane Center (NHC) has issued a [Hurricane Advisory for Hurricane Beryl](#) (Category 4/5). The current trajectory of this storm is predicted to hit Central Texas on Tuesday, July 9, 2024. Rainfall projections are between 4-6 inches with isolated thunderstorms, strong winds, and chance of flooding. In advance of this weather event, city crews have begun cleaning drains, conveyances, and culverts. To report a power outage or fallen tree during normal business hours....contact City Hall on 512-237-3282. To report an after-hours power outage or fallen tree, contact the Smithville Police Department (Dispatch) on 512-237-3228. Stay tuned to local news channels for additional updates.

Below you will find a list of accomplishments, issues, and planned activities since my last update / report:

- 1) Residential Cost Per Kilowatt Hour (kWh) Calculated** - An analysis of LCRA billing data was conducted to determine residential cost per kilowatt hour (kWh) in JULY. Fuel costs vary month to month and are based upon utility generation, transmission, line loss, and service fees. The cost per kWh for residential customers in JULY will be \$0.1289. This represents an **11.95% DECREASE** compared to the JUNE cost per kWh of \$0.1464. Fuel costs are typically higher during the summer months and the higher temperatures will increase both consumption and demand. Utility customers can make payment arrangements if their account is not over 30-days past due. Under no circumstance will the City disconnect power to an occupied residence when the temperature is above 100° F. The Texas Public Utility Commission (PUC) provides energy conservation tips → <https://www.puc.texas.gov/consumer/facts/Save.aspx> to help reduce consumption which in turn will help citizens save money. Below you will find a "rolling" 12-month residential cost per kWh and a fuel cost comparison chart.

City of Smithville Residential Cost Per kWh - JULY



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- 2) **2023 TCEQ Annual Drinking Water Quality Report Published** - The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) issued the 2023 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for the City of Smithville for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2023. The City of Smithville's drinking water received a "Superior Rating" from the TCEQ based upon the criteria listed in [Title 30, Texas Administrative Code, Subsection 290.47\(a\), Appendix A](#). There were no radioactive, microbial, inorganic, or organic chemical contaminants in excess of those found in naturally-occurring sources of water and no active or pending violations. A copy of the [2023 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report](#) is available on the City's website. In addition, a water quality report flyer was included in the monthly utility bill. For additional information, contact Edward Balusek or Robert Tamble on 512-237-3282.
- 3) **FY24-25 Annual Operating Plan / Budget Process Initiated** - I am currently working with my staff to identify FY24-25 goals and objectives as part of the initial annual operating planning and budgeting process. I will have a better feel for where we are and where we need to go in the coming weeks. The City of Smithville received official notice from Bastrop County Appraisal District (BCAD) communicating the *preliminary* estimate of property value(s) within the city limits. The total assessed property value (net taxable minus exemptions) for Smithville in 2024 is \$478,454,771. This represents an 5.94% increase (\$26,817,485) over last year's net taxable value of \$451,637,286. Based on the city's current tax rate of \$0.54893 per \$100 valuation, this could bring in an additional \$147,209 of revenue to the FY24-25 General Fund - barring any adjustments given to citizens who protest and win their appeals, added exemptions, etc., which typically equates to a 2-3% reduction of the total assessed value. The average home value increased 7.70% from \$236,085 to \$255,778. Final property values (i.e., the certified tax roll) won't be out until the July 25, 2024. These values are what drive the "No-New-Revenue" Tax Rate (aka effective tax rate) which is used to calculate the total tax rate. During the next 3-4 weeks, the staff and I will be focusing the majority of our time evaluating cost savings / cost cutting measures, identifying and prioritizing plans / projects, and developing a balanced budget. In the meantime, I would ask that the City Council and/or citizens email any projects or areas of focus they would like to see included as part of our annual operating plan / budget. See below for the City of Smithville's historical property values, tax rates, and a schedule of upcoming budget workshops. Note: Per City Council direction on June 12, 2024, the budget workshop scheduled for July 10, 2024 was pushed out to August 14, 2024 until after the BCAD issues the Certified Property Appraisal Values on July 25, 2024.

BCAD Property Valuation & City Tax Rate Comparison - PRELIMINARY (As of 6/5/24)									
Year	Assessed Valuation	% Change in Value	Avg Home Value	Avg City Tax Paid	M&O Rate	I&S Rate	Total Tax Rate	% Change	
2024	\$478,454,771	5.94%	\$255,778	TBD					
2023	\$451,637,286	14.48%	\$236,085	\$1,290	\$0.3765	\$0.1724	\$0.5489	0.00%	
2022	\$394,511,444	20.20%	\$208,432	\$1,144	\$0.3831	\$0.1659	\$0.5489	-0.01%	
2021	\$328,207,972	12.44%	\$186,277	\$1,023	\$0.4194	\$0.1296	\$0.5490	0.00%	
2020	\$291,892,810	6.06%	\$170,086	\$933	\$0.4466	\$0.1024	\$0.5490	-3.52%	
2019	\$275,208,274	10.97%	\$162,541	\$925	\$0.4525	\$0.1165	\$0.5690	0.00%	
2018	\$247,999,239	4.63%	\$151,444	\$862	\$0.4455	\$0.1235	\$0.5690	5.57%	

FY24/25 Budget Workshop Schedule			
Date	Description	Location	Time
5/22/2024	Budget / Council Workshop #1	City Hall	5:00 PM
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6/12/2024	Budget / Council Workshop #2	City Hall	5:00 PM
		COMPLETE	M
8/14/2024	Budget / Council Workshop #3	City Hall	5:00 PM
8/21/2024	Budget / Council Workshop #4	City Hall	5:00 PM
9/4/2024	Budget / Council Workshop #5	City Hall	5:00 PM

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- 4) **City-wide Street Repairs and Paving Project Update** - The City of Smithville contracted with Freeland Turk Engineering Group, LLC (FTEG) to conduct a city-wide street assessment and sign inventory. A copy of the assessment report (published in April 2024) is available on the city website → [City-wide Street Assessment](#). FTEG utilized [Roadbotics](#) technology to collect street and sign data back in December 2023. The city has approximately 42-miles of city-maintained public roadways and over 600 street signs within the city limits. This is the second time FTEG has performed a street assessment survey for the City of Smithville. In 2020, FTG issued a similar maintenance plan that identified various maintenance activity on 106 street segments that were rated a “4” or “5”. Out of those 106 street segments, 56 segments were identified for significant restoration and repaving. Since then, the City has made significant progress towards working on the streets and has performed maintenance activities on 26 out of the 56 severely rated street segments, or taking on a project about every other month for the last four years. In addition to repairing the street segments identified in the Roadbotics report, the City has also performed maintenance on areas that were not covered by report such as Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Oak Hills Cemetery, Harper Street, Walker Street, and King’s Way (RVICS).

City-wide road paving and repair will begin throughout the community in July. The roads listed below will be prepped, resurfaced, and repaved. The Bastrop County Maintenance Department (who owns the paving equipment) will be doing the work with support from the City of Smithville. This project will require partial and temporary street closures with notification of area residents and business owners 24-48 hours in advance. Additional streets will be repaved as the budget allows. Pot-hole repairs will continue throughout town as pot-holes are identified. Citizens can report a pot-hole using the Smithville [SEE/CLICK/FIX](#) link on the City Website or by downloading the SEE/CLICK/FIX app to their smart phones.

City-wide Street Repairs and Paving Schedule – 2024

Street	From / To	Paving Material	Prep Completed	Road Closure Required	Est. Paving Date
Oak Hill Cemetery	Front Section	Chip Seal	YES	YES	JULY
Uptown Drive	Old Upton Road to Pecan Shores	Chip Seal	YES	YES	JULY
Prima St	SW 5th St to SW 7th St. (Road from bus barn to Brown Primary)	Chip Seal	NO	YES	JULY
Washington St	MLK to SE 7th Street	Chip Seal	NO	YES	AUGUST
Cleveland St	Loop 230 to NW 6th	Chip Seal	NO	YES	AUGUST
Pine St.	3rd Ave to 5th Ave	Chip Seal	NO	YES	SEPTEMBER

- 5) **Submitted Letter of Interest (LOI) for Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS) at Smithville Airport** – A Letter of Interest (LOI) was submitted to TXDOT Aviation to request funding for and Automated Weather Observation Station (AWOS) at the Smithville-Crawford Municipal Airport on 6/24/24. The AWOS is a network of weather stations that provide real-time information on airport weather conditions for aviation needs. AWOS systems can measure a variety of parameters, including:

- Barometric pressure
- Wind speed / direction
- Temperature and dew point
- Visibility / sky conditions
- Cloud ceiling height
- Precipitation accumulation and type

AWOS systems are usually operated, maintained, and controlled by aviation service providers, and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) operates and controls the units. AWOS systems typically cost \$150-200k. Submitting the LOI will place the City of Smithville in the TXDOT Aviation “queue” for future Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) funding at a 90/10 grant to match ratio. Installation of an AWOS system is part of the approved Airport Layout Plan (ALP). Approval of this grant funding will take approximately 18-24 months. For additional information, reference the [Smithville-Crawford Municipal Airport Development Plan](#) published in 2017.

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6) **City Council to Consider Resolution for Participation in TDA CDBG FAST Program** – Suzanne Bernard (Director of the Texas Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program reached out to the City of Smithville to request the city serve as an “anchor community” (sponsor) to procure up to 18 emergency vehicles (SUV’s) at \$50k each under the Fire, Ambulance, and Service Truck (FAST) Fund. Eligible communities for this funding are cities under 50,000 in population and non-metropolitan counties under 200,000. Typically, this fund is operated as a competitive application for large emergency response vehicles and related equipment. TxCDBG has partnered with the State Office of Rural Health (SORH) to offer funding for smaller vehicles to provide community-based healthcare services. These non-emergency services are intended to fill gaps in primary care delivery, assist with health management for patients with challenging social determinants of health, and provide community engagement for preventative care and education. The SUVs selected for the program allows service providers to provide cost-effective community-based services as part of the Rural Outreach and Wellness program. Data has shown similar programs to be effective in reducing hospital readmissions and patient outcome. As the anchor community, Smithville will be responsible for the overall application for grant funding, including meeting citizen participation requirements and other regulations necessary to execute a grant agreement with TDA. After receiving an acknowledgement of CDBG services from local governments representing their respective Health Service Provider, Smithville will execute subrecipient agreements with each provider. This subrecipient agreement will outline the terms of the grant and transfers titles of the vehicle. TDA will provide a sample document and assist in coordinating this process. Once Smithville has executed such subrecipient agreements, it is their responsibility to complete TxCDBG requirements to carry out the activity. The requirements include the competitive procurement of an administrative services provider, completing an environmental review, and competitively procuring all vehicles. TDA recommends the use of a third-party purchasing cooperative such as HGAC-Buy or BuyBoard. Other requirements as the grant is executed include the submittal of payment requests, Group A&B documentation, Project Completion Report(s), and other grant documents according to standard procedures. There is no match required for this program and TxCDBG will fund up to \$50k for administrative expenses for grant management. This will be a topic for discussion and action during the July 8, 2024 city council meeting. Suzanne Bernard (Director of TxCDBG) will be providing an overview of the program.

7) **New Stop Signs on MLK and Short Street Cause Concern** – Last month, new STOP signs were installed on MLK, Short Street, and Colorado Drive in response to dozens of citizen complaints regarding speeding over the past year. Data from portable radar and several accidents confirmed this as a significant SAFETY concern that needed to be addressed. None of the streets listed above currently have sidewalks which creates an additional risk for pedestrians...especially when drivers speed (note: the city continues to seek funding for the addition of sidewalks on these streets). In the March timeframe, Chief Repka rode with each Councilmember over 30-day period to identify / verify the locations for the stop signs on MLK, Short, and Colorado. The addition of STOP signs throughout town was discussed and approved during the March, May, and June Council meetings. However, the majority of the citizens who do not regularly attend city council meetings were unaware that such action was being considered and were angry that there was no prior notice regarding installation. Here is a link to the data package when the City Council reviewed and approved the STOP signs on MLK and SHORT street → [Council Data Package – May 13, 2024 \(re: Agenda Item #27, Page 285\)](#).

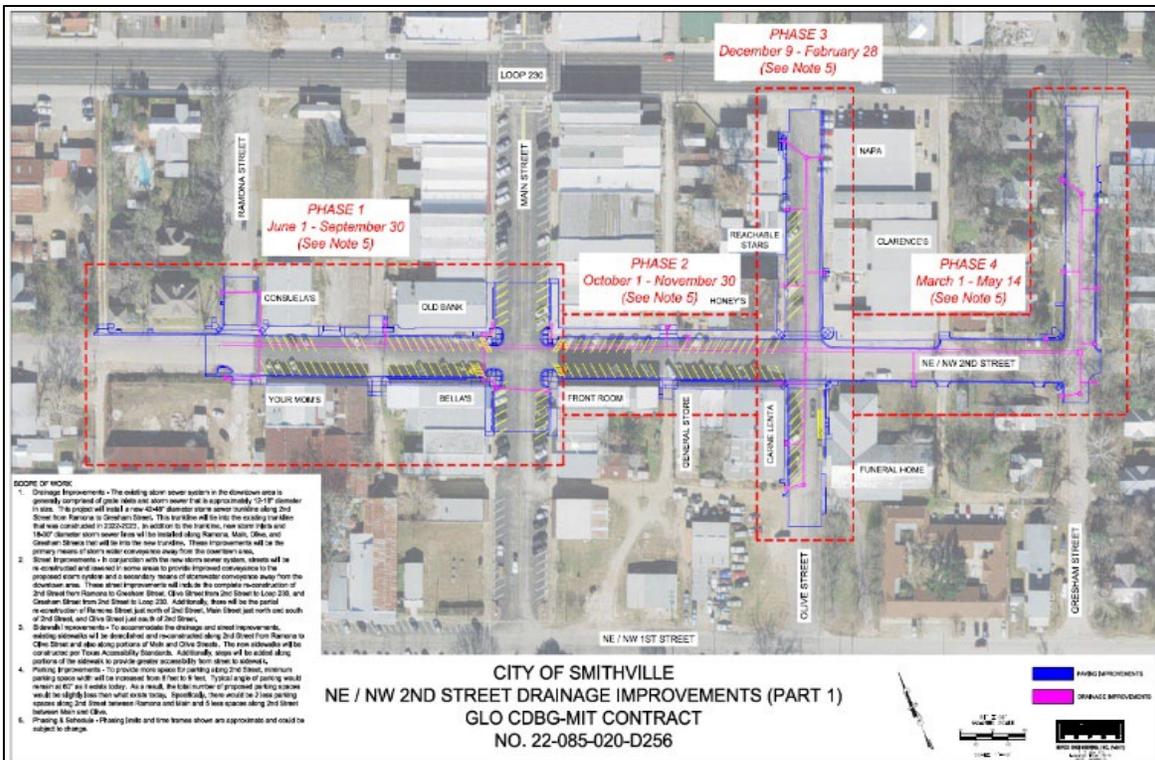


The City also put a [STOP SIGN ALERT](#) on FB with a link to the ordinance that the City Council passed that includes a map of installation locations. In addition, we installed RED flashing lights at the new 4-way STOP sign locations on MLK and SHORT street and trimmed all the limbs around the new STOP signs to increase visibility. Going forward, the proposed installation of new STOP signs will be communicated via social media to allow citizens the opportunity to voice their concerns before the City Council takes action. Citizens can address the City Council in person or send an email in favor of, or opposition to, the installation of new STOP signs. The overall strategy is to remove and replace YIELD signs with STOP signs throughout our community with added emphasis on slowing down traffic where motorists historically speed. The Smithville PD will also be increasing traffic patrol in these areas. Over the next 3-6 months, we will also be replacing old and faded street signs as well as old and faded STOP signs throughout town. All of what we are doing is to enhance the SAFETY of our citizens.

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8) City Council to Consider Selection of Engineering Consultant for DOE / TDEM Grid Resiliency Grant - A bid proposal request for an engineering services consultant (i.e., Request for Qualifications - RFQ) to prepare a Notice of Intent (NOI), budget, scope of work, and draft specifications for the preparation of a Department of Energy (DOE) Grid Resilience Grant (GRG) application were published in the Bastrop Advertiser and various list servers on June 20, 2024. The deadline to respond to the RFQ request was 10:00 am Wednesday, July 3, 2024. Experience, work performance, and capacity to perform are the criteria used by the City staff to evaluate / differentiate each engineering consultant's qualifications. However, only one (1) qualified Engineering services consultant, **Ward, Getz & Associates, PLLC (WGA)** submitted a proposal and as such, will be recommended to the City Council for consideration / selection. The proposed project entails upgrading the SL-30 feeder line and replacing over-head utility lines with underground service in our historic downtown commercial district. Specifically, in the alley running north to south behind Main Street from Loop 230 to 1st Street. Providing underground service will improve grid stability, resiliency, and promote economic development. We have "internally" estimated the project to be between \$1.0-1.5M which would equate to a \$500-750k match at a future date. Should the City be awarded funding for the project, we can turn down the grant without penalty if we cannot secure funding for the match or choose not to proceed with the project. If you recall, Langford Community Management Services, Inc. was awarded the grant administration contract during the June 10, 2024 council meeting and will be responsible for submitting the City's application to the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) for review and approval. TDEM will be managing the competitive award process for the distribution of \$150M in DOE funding which typically takes 1-2 years. This will be a topic for discussion and action during the July 8, 2024 City Council meeting.

9) NE/NW 2nd Drainage Improvement Project Update – The construction start date for Phase 1 of the NE/NW 2nd drainage project has been delayed until July 15th due to scheduling and supply chain issues. The contractor (WJC Constructors Services, Inc.) plans to make up the delay by simultaneously working on both sides of NW 2nd which will require closing NW 2nd street from Ramona to Main. The business / building owners (e.g., Your Mom's, Katy House, Consuella's, Bella's Cottage, and Scene 77) are being notified of the schedule and process change with the completion of Phase 1 still scheduled on or before September 30th. The project includes upsizing the storm drain lines, lowering / repaving the street, adding curbs, drainage inlets, handicap ramps / parking, and replacing sidewalks. The schedule for Phase 2-4 has not been impacted and WJC Constructors Services, LLC will be working on only one side of the street at a time. So, at least 25 spaces on NE/NW 2nd will be available at any given time. The exception will be when the roadway is repaved with hot mix which will require 24-hours to allow for the new asphalt to set / cure.



NE/NW 2nd Drainage Improvement Project

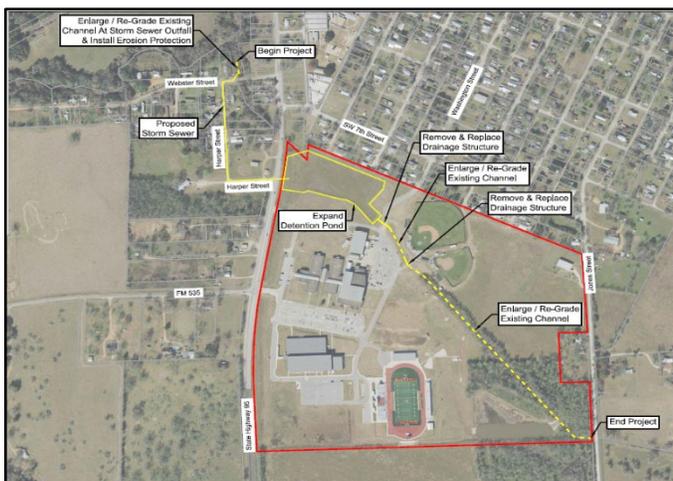
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10) Special-Called Council Meeting / Workshop to Review WWTF Expansion Study - There will be a Special-Called City Council Meeting / Workshop on **Wednesday, July 10, 2024** to review the results of the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) Expansion Study. The meeting will be held at City Hall (317 Main) from 5-7 pm. Back in August of 2022, the City contracted with BEFCO Engineering, Inc. and Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Inc. "LAN" to assess the existing sanitary sewer system, evaluate the City's future growth, and identify future wastewater infrastructure needs. Chad Emmel (BEFCO Engineering, Inc. will be presenting the results of the study. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

11) TXDOT Mowing Update - TXDOT contractors will begin mowing Hwy 71, SH95, Loop 230, and most of the arterial roadways this month to include FM 2571, FM 535, FM 153, and FM 2104. TXDOT only mows the Right-of-Way (ROW) twice a year (typically July and November) unless a line-of-sight hazard exists. Unfortunately, line-of-sight hazards must be called into the district office to resolve and it is often easier to have City crews just take care of the issue. Since TXDOT only mows twice a year, the City hired a local contractor to help keep the Loop 230 and Hwy 71 triangle (by the airport) mowed on a regular basis. This has helped the eastbound entrance to our community look more attractive and well-maintained.

12) Council to Consider Amendment of Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with Bastrop County for CDBG-MIT-MOD Funding - Bastrop County and the City of Smithville submitted a joint application for Hurricane Harvey CDBG-MIT (MOD) funding to pay for flood mitigation projects within each territorial jurisdiction. The funding amount allocated to Bastrop County is \$4,362,600 with the City of Smithville receiving \$2,421,100 and the County providing \$1.5M to the city of Smithville. Approval of the amended Interlocal Agreement (ILA) will allow the City of Smithville to manage the contract with the General Land Office (GLO) on behalf of both the City of Smithville and Bastrop County. In December of 2022, CAPCOG was tasked with managing allocation / distribution of \$52,253,000 in Hurricane Harvey Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Method of Distribution (MOD) funds to provide financial assistance for expenses related to Hurricane Harvey disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure and housing, economic revitalization, mitigation, and affirmatively furthering fair housing in the most impacted and distressed areas in Bastrop, Caldwell, Fayette, and Lee counties. The proposed project consists of the construction of a new storm sewer, enlargement of existing drainage channels, and expansion of an existing detention pond at the SISD High School (see diagram below). Beginning on the downstream end of the proposed project in an existing drainage channel at a point located approximately 150 feet north of Webster Street and 300 feet west of State Highway 95, the existing channel will be enlarged and re-graded southward to Webster Street. The outlet of the proposed storm sewer will begin in the expanded/re-graded channel and extend southwest to the Webster Street right-of-way and then west to Harper Street. At Harper Street, the storm sewer will extend south approximately 780 linear feet where it will make a 90 degree turn within the Harper Street right-of-way and then extend eastward approximately 420 linear feet to an existing detention pond located between State Highway 95 and Washington Street just north of Smithville High School. The existing detention pond will be deepened and expanded, and the project will continue eastward at Washington Street where the existing Washington Street drainage crossing will be removed and replaced. On the east side of Washington Street, the existing channel will be enlarged and regraded southeasterly approximately 300 linear feet to a pedestrian drainage crossing that will also be replaced. On the east side of the pedestrian drainage crossing, the

existing channel will continue to be enlarged and re-graded approximately 1,850 linear feet southeast to Jones Street where the improvements will terminate on the upstream end of the proposed project. Construction of these improvements would provide greater stormwater conveyance to Gazley Creek and help mitigate the risk of flooding in the low-lying areas on the southwest side of Smithville. The City and County are currently working with GLO to address various requests for information as necessary to award the project and enter into a contract. If/when awarded, the survey and design work can actually begin. The timing for awarding the project is still 3 to 6 months out. This will be an item for discussion and action at the July 8, 2024 City Council meeting.



GLO-CDBG MIT-MOD Drainage Project

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- 13) City Council to Consider Renaming Streets in RVICS to Remedy 911-Address Issue** – The Bastrop County GIS Department identified an issue with 911 addressing within the Roving Volunteers in Christ Service (RVICS) community. In the past, emergency medical services response has been delayed as the streets within RVICS were never recognized as valid 911 addresses. The City of Smithville met with RVICS management to assign one address for RVICS (1700 SE 4th Street) with individual Lot #'s posted for each resident to remedy the issue. To this end, “King’s Way”, “Faith Lane”, and “Joy Lane” must be officially renamed by ordinance. This will require City Council discussion and action during the Monday, July 8, 2024 Council meeting.
- 14) Crepe Myrtles on Charleston Blvd in Full Bloom** - I am pleased to report that the crepe myrtles on Charleston Boulevard are in full bloom. Several citizens opined on social media that the City of Smithville committed “crepe murder” after a certified arborist trimmed the trees from the power lines back in February. I will admit that the trimming was radical but absolutely necessary to clear interference with the power lines, promote growth, and produce healthier blooms. In addition, the dead crepe myrtles on Charleston were removed, replanted, staked, and fertilized. The new crepe myrtles are also in full bloom. (SEE PHOTOS)
- 15) New Playscape Installation at Riverbend Park** – The old playground equipment at Riverbend Park (across from Chuckwagon Square) has been replaced with a new “Moon Bounce” playscape system purchased from [GameTime](#). The Moon Bounce playscape system is designed for children ages 5-12 and features sensory panels to encourage collaborative play. The structure also incorporates numerous Xscape climbers and multiple slides providing approximately 2,200 ft² (34' x 66') of play area (SEE PHOTOS). Adding fees for installation and ADA-compliant fiber mulch, the total cost of the playscape was \$80k which was paid using funds (approved by the City Council) from the Series 2023 Tax Note. Installation of the new playscape was completed on July 3rd and is now open to the public.
- 16) Hope Floats Sign Re-Installed** – The original Hope Floats sign (located at the Hwy 95 exit by the Smithville Municipal Airport) was installed over 25-years ago as a tribute to the movie starring Sandra Bullock and Harry Connick, Jr. In May of 2022, the sign was hit by a vehicle and had to be taken down. The Smithville Downtown Business Alliance (DBA), led by Toni Dudley, had submitted a project proposal to the Cultural District to recreate and reinstall the Hope Floats sign. The proposal named Judy Paul as the artist. Meetings were held the better part of a year to coordinate and complete the project which cost approximately \$5k using HOT funds. The DBA also conducted a small fundraiser placing change jars in a number of downtown businesses. The funds raised by the community assisted in costs for the artwork generation by Judy Paul. Special THANKS to the DBA, Chamber of Commerce, the City of Smithville Utilities/Public Works Department, Judy Paul, Bastrop Signs, and several citizens who helped make the project a reality. The sign was replaced last month and looks great. In addition, the digital image of the Hope Floats sign has also been placed on the electronic billboard by Subway. [HOPE FLOATS](#) facts and info.

Below you will find a list of events / meetings planned over the next few weeks in Smithville:

The next **Smithville City Council** meeting will be held on **Monday, July 8, 2024** (6:00 pm) at City Hall (317 Main). Citizens can access the meeting via YouTube → (www.youtube.com/channel/UCN7rJz0wVks4zWV9EvKcH5w). Click → [HERE](#) for agenda and council information packet.

There will be a **Special-Called City Council Meeting / Workshop** on **Wednesday, July 10, 2024** to review the results of the Wastewater Treatment Facility Expansion Study. The meeting will be held at City Hall (317 Main) from 5-7 pm.

The next [Quarterly Chamber Luncheon](#) will be held on **Wednesday, July 24, 2024** from 11am-1pm at the VFW Post 1309 (557 NW Loop 230). The keynote speaker will be the Red, White and Blue Veterans of Bastrop County. A catered lunch is included with your \$30 ticket. Register online at www.smithvilletx.org or call 512-237-2313.

The next **Bastrop County BEST Breakfast** will be held on **Friday, July 28, 2023** in Smithville at Your Mom’s (109 NW 2nd Street) from 8:00 am to 9:30 am.

FYI....I will be on vacation **July 17-26th** to recharge and refocus in advance of finalizing the FY24-25 budget. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information. Have a great weekend.

-- Robert --

PHOTOS – 7/5/24

Crepe Myrtles in Full-Bloom on Charleston Blvd



Hope Floats Sign Re-installed @ HWY 95 Adjacent to the Airport

Billboard on Hwy 71 next to Subway



Main Street ADA Ramps / Sidewalk Project



RVICS to Change Street Name(s) to 1700 SE 4th Street



Anytime Fitness

New Playscape @ Riverbend Park

SCOG Back-to-School Fundraiser

