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A personal Note from Mayor Jack Cole
March 2024 Edition

Dear Citizens of Rogersville,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and in good spirits. As we embark on another year, it's essential to keep you informed about the latest developments and initiatives in our city. I am pleased to share some updates and important information with you.

Water Rate Adjustment

First, I want to address an important matter concerning our water rates. The City of Rogersville has not experienced a water rate increase since September 17, 2012. In 2019, we realized that our rates were deficient, and our meter system had reached the end of its useful life. To rectify this, we replaced all 1500 meters in town to obtain more accurate readings and ensure the fairness and accuracy of our rate study.

In February of 2023, the City enlisted the expertise of a professional utility rate study firm to evaluate our systems' needs comprehensively. The firm, based in Jefferson City, has a wealth of experience, having completed over 250 rate studies throughout Missouri. Their evaluation covered various aspects, including electricity consumption, maintenance schedules, inflation, and anticipated future needs. Based on their findings and suggestions, the Board of Aldermen and city staff have diligently worked to set new rates that reflect closer to the actual expenses of the water department. (continued)



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If you would like to give us feed back, cut off the bottom of this newsletter, write your comments below and return with your water bill. If you will include your name and phone number below, when I have additional information, I will update you. Each will be read and shared with the Board of Aldermen as in years past. We have open meetings on the first and third Monday of each month, we encourage you to attend, observe or bring any issues or concerns. We have a place on the agenda for community input. You may also contact us via email (addresses located at www.rogersvillemo.org), telephone or note.

Effective the billing cycle in July, the new rates will go into effect. While we understand that this will result in an increase in your water bill, please know that it is necessary to ensure the sustainability and efficiency of our water system. For a bill reflecting 4000 gallons of usage, the increase can be expected to be around \$16 per month. However, your actual bill may vary depending on your usage. Should you have any questions or concerns about the new rates, please do not hesitate to reach out to City Hall, your Alderman, or myself..

City Developments and Initiatives

- Three new commercial lots have been created north of Imperial, paving the way for further economic growth and development in our community.
- I am delighted to report that an audit has been completed with a clean report, reflecting our commitment to transparency and accountability in managing the city's finances.
- We have received a Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grant from MODOT and will be installing a sidewalk from 253 to Harper Drive (247), enhancing pedestrian safety and accessibility in our city.
- The equipment for the Splash Pad has arrived, and we have accepted a bid for construction. This exciting addition to our recreational facilities will provide a fun and interactive space for families to enjoy.
- Mark your calendars for the City Wide Garage Sale Weekend on June 7th & 8th, a perfect opportunity to declutter your home and find some hidden treasures.
- Our annual City-Wide Clean-Up events are scheduled for June 13th & 14th and October 17th & 18th. These events provide an opportunity for residents to dispose of unwanted items responsibly and contribute to keeping our city clean and beautiful.

Lastly, the 2024 Yard Waste Dates will be the third Saturday of each month at the WWTP from 7 am to 3 pm, starting from April 20th through October 19th.

Reminders:

- ◆ UTV licenses can be renewed at City Hall.
- ◆ Sports registration is now online 24/365
- ◆ Don't forget to renew your dog license yearly. Proof of rabies vaccination is required and the cost is \$3 per year. If you have multi-year shots, you may purchase multi-year licenses.
- ◆ Municipal Court is held on the first and third Thursday of the month at 9:00 AM. To double check your court date, please go to www.rogersvillemo.org and click on the "Dates of Interest" tab.