



CITY OF FENTON

NEWS & VIEWS

January 2013

MAYOR'S CORNER

For the twelfth and final time, I am delivering our annual budget report. And once again, I'm proud to report that our City is financially sound.

Here are the details:

In the General Fund, revenues are anticipated to exceed expenses by approximately \$147,000. Due to the expense reductions included in that amount, we, by policy, will also reduce the amount of our operating reserve by \$88,000. This results in a General Fund operating surplus that is projected to be some \$235,000.

In the Stormwater/Parks fund, revenues are expected to exceed expenses by slightly more than \$10,000. Due to a slight increase in operating expenses over 2012, we will increase the amount of our operating reserve by \$3,600, leaving an operating surplus in the Stormwater/Parks fund of approximately \$7,000.

Combining the two funds results in a total projected operating surplus for 2013 of slightly more than \$242,000. Given the financial status of many other cities in St. Louis County, this is very good news indeed.

It's very interesting when you look back at previous year's results. When I compared our General Fund budget in 2013 to my first budget in 2002, I found that our operating revenues are some \$520,000 less than they were in 2002. At the same time, our operating expenses are some \$540,000 less than they were in 2002. When you adjust them for inflation, the numbers are even more

staggering: We've reduced our operating expenses by more than \$2.1 million over the last 12 years.

When you look at the trend lines for revenues and expenses, it's even more interesting. On the revenue side we saw steady increases in revenue until 2009 – the first full year we felt the impact of the loss of Chrysler. In 2009, our revenues dropped by \$1.2 million over 2008. Our revenues have continued to decline slightly since then, primarily as a result of the recession.

On the expense side, however, the decline has been very steady and very consistent year-over-year. In fact, the biggest single-year reduction in expenses occurred in fiscal year 2003.

So what does that tell me? It tells me that over the last 12 years we've looked at our expenses independently of our revenues. We've consistently looked for ways to reduce our operating expenses. We didn't wait for a crisis to occur, such as the closing of Chrysler; instead, we were ready when it did occur.

I'm confident that our financial policies will enable us to meet any unanticipated expense the City might face. But the next fiscal challenge that I think the City will face is not on the expense side of the ledger – it is on the revenue side.

In a very short time, the City will have the debts it is financially obligated to repay – the COP (Certificates of Participation) bonds for RiverChase and the Fabick Nature Preserve – completely paid off. At that time, the ½ cent Stormwater/Parks Sales Tax will generate more than \$3 million per year that can be used for park and stormwater-related projects only. It cannot be

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ELECTION NOTICE



The City Fenton will hold its annual General Election on Tuesday, April 2, 2013. Filing for elective office closes on Tuesday, January 15 at 5:00 p.m. Voters will elect a Mayor, four Aldermen, one from each of the City's four Wards, for two-year terms, and one Alderman in Ward 2 for a one-year term. The following is a list of candidates, as of January 10, that will appear on the ballot in the order they filed:

MAYOR

Paul Seemayer
22 Elderwood Court

WARD 1

Carol Brennan
2 Treecrest Court

WARD 2

No candidates at this time

WARD 3

Chris Clauss
886 San Sebastian Drive

WARD 4

Jim Mauller
1500 Bowles

Note: **March 6** Is the last day to register to vote or change voter registration, prior to the April 2 election. For sign up information contact the St. Louis County Board of Election Commissioners at (314) 615-1800.

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transferred to the General Fund and used for the day-to-day operations of the City.

As I see it, there are a few options available for the Board to consider:

1. Leave it in place as is, and figure out what to do with the funds
2. Eliminate or reduce the tax, lessening the tax burden for our residents
3. Reduce the amount of the tax to a ¼ cent tax, contingent upon the voters approving a ¼ cent local option sales tax that can be used to generate additional revenue for the General Fund. Based on 2011 numbers, that would generate some \$1.5 million annually for the general fund.

Obviously, figuring out how best to spend an additional \$3 million a year in revenue is a pretty good problem to have. I encourage the Board to begin those discussions sooner rather than later so that when that debt is paid off everything is in place to optimize the opportunity for the City.

I realize that it may seem contradictory to talk about how positive our financial situation is when we are trying to change the sales tax distribution formula in St. Louis County. But for me these have always been separate issues. Fenton is successful because of the effort that Fenton has put into *being* successful. Being punished for that success makes no more sense to me than rewarding those who have chosen not to make the same effort we have. We should not be denigrated for our success; we should be held up as an example for other cities to emulate.

Before I wrap up, I want to thank the staff for your efforts in putting this budget together. You were given some difficult challenges to meet. Yet, you met or exceeded every one. Thank you.

I also want to thank the Board for doing your job well. You continue to be good stewards of our City's finances.

Finally, to the residents of our City I can say with 100% certainty that even with the loss of Chrysler our City today is in a much stronger financial position than it was in April, 2001. For allowing me to be a part of this process for the last 12 years, I simply want to say thank you.

Mayor Dennis Hancock

**PLANNING & ZONING
COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING**

On **Wednesday, February 6, 2013**, the Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at **7:00 p.m.** during their regularly scheduled meeting at City Hall to consider the following:

OLD BUSINESS

- A petition by Ritzy K9 STL, Inc., for a Special Use Permit to operate a Pet Business Service (Dog Daycare) at 515 Rudder Road. The parcel is zoned "BP-3" Business Park—General Office Centers, Small Warehousing District.

NEW BUSINESS

- A petition by Mark S. Burger of MSB Enterprises, LLC, for a Special Use Permit to operate an indoor automobile sales business at 644 Axminister Drive. The parcel is addressed as 632 Axminister Drive and is zoned "BP-3" Business Park-General Office Centers, Small Warehousing District.
- A petition by Philip D. Owens of West County Wholesale, LLC, for a Special Use Permit to operate an indoor automobile sales business at 644 Axminister Drive. The parcel is addressed as 632 Axminister Drive and is zoned "BP-3" Business Park-General Office Centers, Small Warehousing District.

- A petition by Emil E. Blake of Blake Floor Company for a Special Use Permit for the outdoor storage of containers at 271 Larkin Williams Industrial Court. The parcel is zoned "BP-3" Business Park-General Office Centers, Small Warehousing District.

For more information, please call (636) 349-8110.

**RECENTLY ADOPTED
LEGISLATION FOR
COMMERCIAL VEHICLES,
RECREATIONAL
VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT
AND CONSTRUCTION
EQUIPMENT**

Please be advised that on December 20, 2012, the Board of Aldermen adopted Ordinance 3302 amending *Section 505.110: Exterior Property Areas* of the City of Fenton Municipal Code to include the following regulations for Commercial Vehicles, Recreational Vehicles/Equipment, and Construction Equipment in residential areas.

Commercial Vehicles

Definition. For purposes of this Section, "commercial vehicle" means any motor vehicle or trailer which is designed, maintained or used primarily for the transportation of property or which is used primarily for the transportation of passengers for hire, including, but not limited to, tow trucks, dump trucks, flat-bed trucks, stake-bed trucks, step vans, refuse or garbage trucks, buses or any other vehicle or trailer having a gross vehicle weight rating (GRWR) in excess of 14,000 pounds.

Regulations. No person shall park, keep, store or leave any commercial vehicle on any residential property unless said vehicle is located within

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RECENTLY ADOPTED LEGISLATION (Continued from page 2)

an enclosed garage or located on residential property containing more than one (1) acre and kept behind the front elevation of the primary building.

Exceptions. This Section shall not apply to any emergency vehicles, ambulances, public utility service vehicles, moving vans or any commercial vehicle in the process of making a legitimate pickup, delivery or call to a residence.

Recreational Vehicle/Equipment

Definition. For purposes of this Section, "recreational vehicle/equipment" shall mean any camper trailer, pick-up camper (not attached to a truck), motorized mobile home, boat, houseboat, boat trailer, horse trailer, dune buggy, snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle, or any similar equipment not primarily used for ordinary day-to-day transportation.

Regulations. Any recreational vehicle/equipment parked, kept, stored or left on any residential property shall be located within an enclosed garage or shall be located on a paved parking surface constructed of concrete or asphalt. Said recreational vehicle/equipment shall not at any time be in a state of disassembly or disrepair.

Exceptions. Parking surfaces other than asphalt or concrete shall be permissible in the "R-1" Single-Family Residential Zoning District.

Construction Equipment

Definition. For purposes of this Section, "construction equipment" shall mean any equipment primarily used for commercial construction purposes, including but not limited to, tractors, backhoes, blades, buckets, bulldozers, compactors, crane scrapers, excavators, front-end loaders.

Regulations. No person shall park, keep, store or leave any construc-

tion equipment on any property used for residential purposes in the City.

Exceptions. This Section shall not apply to any construction equipment:

1. Located on residential property containing more than one (1) acre and kept in a manner that such equipment is not visible to any adjoining street or residential property; or
2. Being utilized for construction, remodel or repair on any residential property.

Should you have any comments or questions, please contact Community Development Director Nikki Finkbner at (636) 349-8110 or via email at nfinkbner@fentonmo.org.



For information on these programs, including fees and times, check out a copy of the "Beacon".

COMMUNITY INDOOR GARAGE SALE



Tired of all that junk sitting in your basement? Wanting to have a garage sale, but it's way too cold? Let RiverChase provide the space and join us for our community indoor garage sale on Saturday, February 16 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. For more information, call (636) 343-0067.

LOSE TO WIN CHALLENGE



Household contest starts February 4 and runs through April 1. The team that loses the highest percentage of body fat will win a free household membership to RiverChase for the year. Registration deadline is January 28.

Individual contest begins February 11 and goes through April 8. The individual that loses the highest percentage of

body fat will win a free individual membership to RiverChase for a year.



HOME SCHOOL P.E.

A physical education class that provides home schooled students the opportunity to participate in group activities. For ages 5-14. Class meets each Wednesday from 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the RiverChase gymnasium.



SENIOR LUNCH AND BINGO



Adults, 55+, are invited to our next Lunch and Bingo at RiverChase. Join us on **Wednesday, February 13** at 10:30 a.m. What's on the menu this month? Vegetable Lasagna.

12TH ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR

Stop by on Saturday, March 9, 8:30-11:30 a.m., for the 12th Annual Health Fair. This event is FREE to the public and there will be giveaways while supplies last. Free health screenings (Total LDL, HDL, triglycerides), Glucose, PSA and blood pressures.

T-BALL AND COACH PITCH LEAGUES

These eight game leagues are for boys and girls and are held at Fenton City Park on Saturday mornings and afternoons. Leagues run from May 4 to June 29. Last day of registration is April 14.



SOFTBALL LEAGUES



Registration for Adult Softball Leagues for returning 2012 teams begins January 14. New team registration begins February 18.

For information on all programs (including fees and times), contact RiverChase of Fenton at (636) 343-0067. You can also check out the Beacon at www.fentonmo.org.



ST. LOUIS COUNTY POLICE—FENTON PRECINCT UPDATE

8TH ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT AND SILENT AUCTION

Join us on **Saturday, February 9, 2013, 6:30 p.m.**, at Meramec Bluffs Lutheran Senior Services, #1 Meramec Bluffs (intersection of Vance/Sulphur Springs). All proceeds benefit the *St. Louis County Police Explorer Post 9774*.

Soda and snacks will be provided. Please feel free to bring additional food for your table. Tables, up to 10 persons, permitted. \$10/person.

To reserve your table or for any questions, contact Police Officer Dusty Poncin at dponcin@stlouisco.com or Police Officer Kyle Jahns at kjahns@stlouisco.com or call (314) 615-0715.

The Police Explorers are young adults who are interested and participate in law enforcement activities. They assist the Department and the Community with their volunteer efforts. They are a not-for-profit organization and this event will help fund their activities.

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

St. Louis County Police Department, Fenton and West County Precincts, will sponsor a "Citizen Police Academy". The academy will begin on Wednesday, February 27, 2013. It will run for eight (8) consecutive Wednesdays, with graduation on April 17, 2013. Classes will be from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

The Academy will be held in the conference room of the West County Precinct, located at 232 Vance Road. The precinct station is located 1/2 mile west of Highway 141 on Vance Road.



The Citizens Police Academy is a great opportunity to gain personal knowledge and experience in how actual police officers patrol their beats, conduct traffic stops and investigate crime. Law enforcement professionals in the fields of Homicide, Robbery, Burglary, Drug Enforcement, Tactical Operations, Fraud and Crime Scene Unit instruct classes.

The Citizens Police Academy is open to all St. Louis County residents and is free of charge. Advanced registration is required and seating is limited. For additional information or to reserve a seat, contact Police Officer Aaron Dilks at (636) 349-8120 or Police Officer Vincent Bazzoni at (314) 615-0700.

Neighborhood Policing Officer

(636) 343-2080

P.O. Aaron Dilks-Ext. 1123

Precinct Phone

(636) 349-8120

2013 BUDGET

The City of Fenton's Budget for Fiscal Year 2013 was approved at the December 20, 2012 Board of Aldermen Meeting. The approved 2013 Budget is available on the City's website (www.fentonmo.org) for citizens to download and review. The Budget will require that you have Adobe Reader installed on your computer as the file is in PDF format.

Please contact Finance Director Rick Snyder at (636) 343-2080, if you have any questions regarding the Budget.



City offices will be closed
Monday, January 21

Martin L. King, Jr. Day

and

Monday, February 18

Presidents Day



BE SNOW READY



With winter weather here, your cooperation and assistance is needed during snow emergencies.

In order to facilitate efficient and total clearing of pavement when snow advisories are announced or as snow begins to fall, please refrain from parking vehicles in the street. This is particularly important in cul-de-sacs and areas with narrow streets.



PRESCRIPTION PILL AND DRUG DISPOSAL

Prescription and over-the-counter medicines are accepted at the following locations for disposal. The program is free, anonymous and available 24/7. There are boxes at four (4) St. Louis County Police Stations. The Police Department in O'Fallon and Eureka, Missouri also have collection boxes.

- North County Precinct
11815 Benham Road
St. Louis, MO 63138
- Affton Southwest Precinct
9928 Gravois Road
St. Louis, MO 63123
- South County Precinct
3031 Telegraph Road
St. Louis, MO 63125
- West County Precinct
232 Vance Road
St. Louis, MO 63088

Go to www.missourip2d2.org for accepted medicines.

SURPLUS CAR FOR SALE



1998 Dodge Stratus with 39,880 miles, 2.4L Engine, automatic transmission. For more information contact Tom Sandler at (636) 349-8155 or by email at tsandler@fentonmo.org.

RECYCLING DROP OFF LOCATIONS

For recycling drop off locations and information on what to recycle, check out St. Louis County's webpage at www.stlouisco.com and click on "Health and Wellness" and the "Recycling and Solid Waste" tabs.

For more information call (314) 615-8958. They can also be reached by email at recycle.doh@stlouisco.com and the Information and Special Events line is (314) 615-8989.

DECISIONS FROM THE DECEMBER 20 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING

Decisions



- ✓ Approved the request from the Board of Election Commissioners for City Hall to serve as a polling place for elections in 2013.
- ✓ Approved the renewal contract option with Lifeguards Unlimited for Aquatic Services for January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.
- ✓ Approved the declaration of the 1998 Dodge Stratus as surplus property and to advertise for sale not less than \$2,800.

SALES TAX REDISTRIBUTIONS

Total monthly sales tax generated for *November 2012* was \$358,082. Of that, \$240,944 (67.3%) went to tax redistribution, which brings the total redistribution for 2012 to \$2,508,605 (58.5%). The amount of sales tax redistributed back to St. Louis County for November 2012:

"A" Sales Tax Summary		"B" (Pool) Sales Tax Summary		Combined Sales Tax Summary	
Generated	Redistributed	Generated	Redistributed	Generated	Redistributed
\$242,531	\$128,925 (53.2%)	\$115,551	\$112,019 (96.9%)	\$358,082	\$240,944 (67.3%)

If you have additional questions, please contact your Alderman.

- ✓ Approved the booking of Andre's West for the Annual Appreciation Dinner on Sunday, December 1, 2013.
- ✓ Approved, with conditions, of a petition by Core States Group, representing Panera Bread, LLC, for the Site Plan of a proposed drive-through addition to an existing restaurant at 453 Old Smizer Mill Road and is zoned "C-1" Commercial Zone District.



Ordinances

- #3293 Approves a Special Use Permit petitioned by Panera Bread LLC, to reduce the Minimum Parking Requirements at 453 Old Smizer Mill Road.
- #3294 Approves a Special Use Permit petitioned by Safway Services, LLC, for Outdoor Storage of Equipment and Materials at 2000 Mraz Lane.
- #3295 Approves a Special Use Permit petitioned by Vogel Heating and Cooling for Outdoor Storage of Equipment and Materials at 1642 Manufacturers Drive.
- #3296 Amends Section 470.070(A) Site Plan Requirements and Review of the Municipal Code of the City of Fenton, Missouri.

#3297 Approves an Agreement between the City of Fenton, Missouri and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for the Meramec Greenway Trail Extension Project.

#3298 Amends Ordinance No. 2791—Financial Policies Manual Section 500 Cash Receipts Procedures.

#3299 Amends Ordinance No. 2791—Financial Policies Manual Section 900 Expenditure Policy and Procedures.

#3300 Establishes regulations for Commercial Vehicles in the City of Fenton, Missouri.

#3301 Amends Schedule XII and Schedule XVI of Title III: Traffic Code of the City of Fenton Municipal Code.

#3302 Amends Section 505.110 Exterior Property Areas, Subsection (I) Motor Vehicles, of the Municipal Code of the City of Fenton, Missouri.

#3303 Amends Ordinance 3290 adopting Section 550.095: Residential Fire Protection Code.

Resolutions

R12-07 Approves the 2013 Budget for the City of Fenton, Missouri.

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Mon	Feb 4	6:30 pm	Park Board
Wed	Feb 6	7:00 pm	Planning & Zoning Commission
Thurs	Feb 7	7:00 pm	Historical Society/Swantner House (#1 Church)
		7:00 pm	Board Committee Meetings
Mon	Feb 11	5:30 pm	Municipal Court
Thurs	Feb 14	7:00 pm	Board Committee Meetings
Mon	Feb 18		City Offices Closed—Presidents Day
Tues	Feb 19	7:30 pm	Board of Adjustment
Mon	Feb 25	5:30 pm	Municipal Court
Thurs	Feb 28	7:00 pm	Board of Aldermen Meeting

All meetings of the board and commissions in the City of Fenton are open to the public. The City will provide reasonable accommodations for any meeting when requested to do so 48 hours in advance. To request assistance contact 636-343-2080 (VOICE) or Relay Missouri 1-800-735-2966 (TDD).

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