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Dear Residents

I would like to take a few minutes to update everyone on the work I and the council have been attempting to accomplish for many months while we all have been dealing with COVID and its impact on all our lives. Hopefully we are finally headed in the correct direction from this devastating period of history.

First, I want to express my condolences for anyone who has experienced personal losses due to the virus.

Now that things appear to be headed toward some sense of normalcy, please let me explain what we have been doing for the past two to three years. I want to apologize for not keeping you updated during this period.

As you are aware, the Main Street project, which took way too many years to accomplish, is approximately 90 percent complete. We still have additional work to finish this project. Unfortunately, due to delays, too many to explain, we had to make the decision to only replace sections of sidewalk from Pike Street to Boone Street that posed an unsafe condition. We still have approximately \$13,000 from the original \$303,000 that was appropriated from the State to produce what you see today along Main Street. The funds are being held by the State in an account for us to use later. We plan to apply for additional funding by way of Grants to finish the sidewalk replacement.

As you may recall, we announced some enhancements planned for our park. Now that the ball field has been converted to soccer fields, you will begin to see a lot of activity, such as:

We begun installing a new basketball court in the general location of the old ball diamond. The position of the two soccer fields will be adjusted slightly.

The design of the pavilion is finished and will be placed on the current basketball court which will be installed this summer.

The design of the concession stand with bathrooms is 90% complete. The current green building on Shelby Street will take on a new look. We decided to rehab the existing building in stead of new construction to save on costs.

As you hopefully will recall the city applied for a 50/50 grant program for this work and we were awarded \$75,000 from the State for this work. We will be matching that amount. Hopefully everyone will enjoy a nice place to plan picnics and parties at the park.

Now for upcoming projects. Before I get into this, all the construction you have been seeing along Pike Street and on Oak Street heading toward to Bromley Crescent Springs Road are projects by the Sanitation District No. 1. The major purpose of this work is to address the impact from the heavy rain events that cause the overflowing of the sewers in our area. None of this work is funded by the city.

We have partnered with Sd1 on two projects. One issue was the replacement of a Storm Sewer Overflow pipe at the intersection of Highwater Road and Bromley Crescent Springs Road. That project has been completed. Sd1 and the city agreed to pay half each for the cost. The total cost was approximately \$54,000. Our share was paid from a COVID related fund that came to us called the American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA. The federal government appropriated monies to help States deal with lost revenue due to COVID. Each city in Northern Kentucky received funding based on size and budgets. The use of these federal dollars came with specific requirements. This project fit the criteria for the use of this funding.

Another project will begin in the middle of July to deal with some flooding issues at the end of Short Shelby Street. We again are sharing the expense with Sd1 on this construction. We will be using ARPA funds for this project. Once completed Sd1 will be given ownership along with the Maintenance responsibilities. The same can be said for the sewer replacement project described above.

You will see a new utility truck around town that we decided to purchase instead of requiring our public works employee to use their own vehicle. This too fit the criteria for using this funding.

We will be partnering with Sd1 again to replace 14 catch basins in the city that are extremely old and are creating issues such as odors during extreme dry weather conditions. ARPA funds will be used for this as well.

To wind this up, as we head into the next fiscal year, I have prepared a new 2022-2023 budget to account for this work along with all the normal activities of the city.

We have begun discussions with the Kentucky League of Cities for some creative funding possibilities to include available grants and/or low interest loans. We are developing a Street Resurfacing plan that would be to spread the resurfacing over several years depending on the availability of funding and would start with worst first. To give you an idea of the cost of accomplishing this, today's cost would range from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000. We currently have approximately \$90,000 in our Road Fund account. We currently collect approximately \$35,000 per year for roads and receive approximately \$15,000 per year in Municipal aid funding so it would take us 15 to 20 years to collect enough to cover those costs. Hopefully this plan will become a reality.

I would like to thank you for reading this update and hope your summer will be filled with family and friends.

Your Mayor



Micheal Denham