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Mayor's Corner SEPTEMBER 2021

The Census numbers were released earlier this month, and Bryant continues to experience stable growth. According to the numbers, a 23.8% increase in population for our community.

This growth shows that Bryant remains the place that many want to call home. At the same time, this number is manageable and allows the city to continue our focus on infrastructure and quality of life projects for our residents. As you can see by this newsletter, our staff has been tackling projects all over the city. I hope you take a moment to review this information and if you see one of these amazing men or women out, give them a wave and tell them what a GREAT JOB they are doing.

Mayor,

(Allen E. Scott



Did you know your city's local budget basically creates your community's priorities for the year? Sign up for Notify Me to receive notifications on upcoming budget workshops and join the conversation.



MEETINGS

The Bryant Parks Committee meets on the FIRST Monday of each month at 6:00 PM The Bryant Planning Commissioner meets on the SECOND Monday of each month at 6:00 PM The Bryant Water and Wastewater Committee meets on th SECOND Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM. The Bryant City Council meets on the LAST Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM. Regularly scheduled meetings are normally held at the Boswell Municipal Complex located at 210 SW 3rd Street unless otherwise indicated online. To receive notifications of meeting agendas please go to www.cityofbryant.com and sign up for NOTIFY ME. To view the meetings online follow the city's Youtube page.

Upcoming Meetings:

Farmers Market Every Saturday (*Market at Midtown*) September 13th - Bryant Planning Commission September 14th - Water Committee

SEPTEMBER 15th TAILGATE PARTY for AWAY GAME at Bishop Park SEPTEMBER 25TH- BRYANT FALLFEST

September 28th - City Council Budget Workshop Meetings:

All meetings will be in the Courtroom at the Boswell Municipal Complex Monday, October 4th at 6:00 PM -- Parks

OCTOBER 9TH- FIRE FESTIVAL

Tuesday, October 19th at 6:00 PM -- Public Safety (Police, Fire, Animal, and Courts) Tuesday, October 26th at 5:30 PM -- Admin (Finance, Mayor, City Clerk, HR, Planning/Code) Tuesday, November 2nd at 6:00 PM -- Public Works (Street, Stormwater, Water, WW, and Engineering).

Park Projects Complete

- New Signs at Mills Park, Ashley Park and Alcoa Park
- Restroom and Playground added to Ashley Park
- Aquatic Center Improvements (in process)
 New LED lighting

Installation of dehumidifier to help with climate control in the facility Repair of Roof Panel Tracks and motors to make opening Roof Fully Functional

- LED Lighting upgrades in the Gym
- Added 18 disc golf baskets
- Alcoa 40/Parkway Trail (Should be completed by October)
- New awning on North side of Bishop Park



Streets / Stormwater Projects Completed

- Mills Park/Eastwood Drainage Improvement Project -Completed
- Debswood/Shobe crossing Replace Street Crossings, improved drainage.
- Natalie Dr. Replaced failing culverts- project completed
- Henson/Ozark Replaced street crossing and improved connectionsproject complete
- Dogwood/Bame Drainage- Replaced underground culverts- project complete

Streets / Stormwater Projects In Process

- 916 Shobe- Drainage improvement project
- Raintree 2,6,8 Drainage Improvement Project In Process
- Hanover Drive Drainage Improvement Project in Process
- Bryant received State Aid Grant Money to overlay Mills Park, Boone, Spanway and Midland Roads. Projects will begin soon.
- B Street subgrade and overlay project in process
- Crossing at Oak Glenn Drainage Improvement ProjectUnder design
- Raintree 2,6,8 Drainage Improvement Project In Process
- Hanover Drive Drainage Improvement Project in Process
- Northlake Culvert Crossing-- Under Design
- Hilltop/Springhill- drainage- City Received \$300,000 grant for this project to move forward. Expected completion date first quarter of 2022.
- Hilltop/Parkway intersection improvements In Process, expected completion end of October
- Signal upgrade AI Glance(Applied Information Glance) Allows the city to monitor all traffic signals from city computers/cell phones allowing us to keep signal in sync and accommodate emergency services.
- All pedestrian crossings are on a five year plan to be upgraded to ensure ADA compliance.
- Bryant Parkway Phase 3- Shobe to Reynolds Road- Construction scheduled to begin 2022

Wastewater Projects Completed

• Pipe Bursting Projects : These projects were contracted by the city in the past. This year we were able to complete the following replacements in 2021 in house. This allows the city to complete these projects on a quicker timeline and saving the city four million dollars in 2021 amount of dollars.

- Stillman Area 600 feet of pipe replaced
- Justus Loop 800 feet of pipe replaced.
- Henson Drive 200 feet of pipe replaced.
- Ozark 300 feet of pipe replaced.
- Replaced the manhole at Whistling Pine
- Dell Open cut 970'
- Lift Station 6 SCADA(software) upgrade- allows remote monitoring, giving 24/7 access to the station pump info for tracking and emergency purposes.
- Lift Station 20/22 replaced pumps, panel lid essentially a full maintenance upgrade
- Lift Station 5 10" inline rehab- creating a bypass route for emergency situations if needed.

- Basin 3,5,6,7 study-- What condition, capacity, are there leaks, etc. Completing these studies is how the city knows the condition of these basins and assists in setting the maintenance schedule.
- \bullet Updating Specifications and our 20 year master plan: In process



Water / Wastewater Projects in Process

- Mueller Software upgrades in process. 501-455-3175. This will fix the issue with the auto read on water, within our water metering system, increasing the accuracy of billing and allowing residents to monitor usage online.
 Chlorinator South Tank was replaced
- 2" loop line NE 1st, increasing pressure and improving water quality in the area.
- Updating 20 year master plan
- Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Equipment upgrades : New pumps and grinders for the process plant
- Updating master plan to add 1MGD 3 million gallon a day plant, this will allow us to treat 4 million gallons a day in the future.

Director's Chair

Bryant Public Works is really a department of teams. Streets, Stormwater, Wastewater, Water, Meter Service, Water Billing and the Wastewater Treatment Plant make up the various divisions on our team that ensure the community we love is receiving the support it requires to thrive and grow. We consist of 53 employees, who you can see by referencing this newsletter, are focused on adding to and improving the services and quality of life for our residents. During the pandemic, your public works personnel saw an increase in services needed by our citizens.

While many industries were able to make the change to at home and virtual work stations during the pandemic, PW pivoted and created office space in their city vehicles and continued to apply their skills at job sites. I can't brag on this team enough for the support and hard work they have put in over the past year.

I hope you take the time to read through these projects and reference back to the city website www.cityofbryant.com/1449/Current-Project-Updates for additional details on the various projects listed. If there is anything that our department can improve or if you have any questions or ideas you would like to share, please feel free to reach out to me anytime and we thank you for your continued support.

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Director of Public Works