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THE FUTURE OF MONETT'S WATER SUPPLY

The residents, businesses and industries in Monett use an average of 3 million gallons of water per day. That's over 1 billion gallons of water per year. Is there enough water to sustain this current usage and the growth that is expected to occur over the next 20, 30 or 50 years?

That's the question that a group of cities in southwest Missouri have been studying for the past 10 years. Now, we are close to having a roadmap to solving that question but before we get to the decision-making process, we need more input from the public. The options being considered will require a large public investment and have a long-term impact on us and future generations.

The main drivers in these discussions are the cities of Springfield and Joplin and their future water demands but Monett is considering how those solutions might involve us. The strategy that has been pursued by the regional group is to secure a future allocation of drinking water from one or more of the area lakes (Stockton, Table Rock, Pomme de Terre). There is a significant cost to run a primary pipeline from the lakes to Springfield and Joplin and then secondary lines to individual cities. However, it would ensure a source of long-term drinking water for all of southwest Missouri.

We will soon be at a decision point that will require Monett to determine whether to join in a regional compact to pay for the allocation and subsequent transmission lines. It will likely involve our customers paying more for water to have that source available to us. We'd like to know what you think so here's your opportunity...go to www.CitizenWaterSurvey.com and help us plan for the future.

WHAT ARE THE TOP REGIONAL HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS FOR SOUTHWEST MISSOURI?

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) annually updates their Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan or STIP. MoDOT partners with the regional planning commissions around the state and utilizes these city and county officials to assist them with identifying and prioritizing the projects that go into the STIP. The regional planning commissions appoint representatives to a Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) that prioritizes these transportation projects.

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Monett is represented on the TAC for a 10-county region in S.W. Missouri that includes Barry and Lawrence counties. The TAC met on July 12th and the #1 priority for our region is the US Hwy 60 and MO Route 37 corridor from Springfield to Monett to the Arkansas state line. Other top 10 priorities identified at this meeting were improvements to Hwy 32 in Polk County; intersection improvements on Hwy 76 at the entrance to Silver Dollar City in Stone County; improvements on Hwy 76 from Hollister to Kirbyville; a new interchange on I-44 at mile marker 103 near Marshfield; improvements to Hwy 60 from the Greene Co. line to the Wright Co. line; intersection improvements on Rte 160 at Rte EE near Highlandville; a bridge replacement on Rte CC near Fair Grove; intersection improvements on Hwy 65 and Truman Road in Buffalo; and improvements to Rte 160 and Rte 39 in Dade County.

The top aviation project in our region continues to be the new runway and airfield improvements to Monett Regional Airport. These transportation projects will enhance the future growth and development of Monett and the bi-county region. It's also important to understand that few, if any, of these projects can be completed without a long-term, sustainable source of funding for Missouri's Highway and Transportation Commission. A blue ribbon commission is studying this issue for the Missouri General Assembly and will hopefully propose a funding mechanism that a majority of voters can support. Monett and the other cities in Barry and Lawrence counties will greatly benefit from an expanded highway improvement program.

AQUATIC CENTER UPDATE...WHAT'S IN A NAME?

By the time you read this newsletter, we will have completed the final plans and specifications for the new aquatic center and will be advertising for bids. Bids will be due in mid-August with construction to begin 45-60 days following approval of the bids. Our target completion date will be May 1, 2018, in time to open the 2018 outdoor pool season.

What don't we have yet? A name for the new aquatic center. We'd like to hear your suggestions and if we select your name...you'll win an individual season pass to the new aquatic center for the 2018 season! If you're already a YMCA member and your idea is selected, the YMCA will give you a membership fee credit for three months.

All you need to do is go to the City of Monett's Facebook page and comment on the post related to naming the new aquatic park. If you don't have access to Facebook, feel free to drop your suggestions off at City Hall. If you don't submit your idea through social media, please remember to give us your contact information. Don't miss this opportunity for the area's newest attraction to bear the name you've submitted. You will also be recognized at the pool's Grand Opening.

The City of Monett reserves the right to select the name of the new aquatic center and we may or may not use a submission by the general public but if we do, the winner will be recognized and get free use of the facility for the first season.