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# Frisco Line News



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## **MONETT CITY COUNCIL WILL ASK VOTERS TO AUTHORIZE IMPROVEMENTS TO SEWER SYSTEM ON APRIL 8TH**

The Monett City Council has approved an ordinance to place a non-tax bond issue before the voters on Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. The Council is asking voters to authorize up to \$6 million in revenue bonds to make significant improvements to the treatment plant and collection system. A Facilities Plan for the Wastewater Treatment System was completed in March of 2013 by Allgeier, Martin and Associates that details the improvements that are recommended to be undertaken. An Executive Summary of the Facilities Plan can be read on the City of Monett's website, [www.cityofmonett.com](http://www.cityofmonett.com).

The report pointed out that major improvements to the current treatment plant were completed in 2006 that resulted in adequate capacity for current and future flows and loads. The current plant operates at 53 percent of its design hydraulic loading rate and 53 percent of its design organic loading rate. The facilities appear adequate for the flows and loads expected over the next twenty years. However, the current regulatory environment gives every indication that Monett's plant will be faced with new regulations that will require the removal of additional nitrogen and phosphorus. The engineer's report also recommends that the City improve plant reliability by replacing an electric generator, installing a second grit pump, and by renovating the existing tertiary filters.

The biggest investment that the City will make to improve the long-term operation of our treatment plant is to remove inflow and infiltration from the collection system. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources has used Monett as an example of a community that is proactive in addressing the Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) issue. The City implemented a program in 1996 that annually spent \$100,000 on rehabilitating problem sewers. Since the program began, the City has used the "cured-in-place" method of lining sanitary sewer pipes to rehab approximately 50,000 linear feet of the system.

In 2013, the City took a more concentrated approach by televising and smoke-testing the northwest quadrant of Monett in order to address an entire drainage basin referred to as "Basin A". This involved inspecting by camera 40,000 linear feet of pipe. Several areas of I&I were noted which will be addressed by grouting the joints and lining the sections of pipe in most need of repair. A portion of the funds from the bond issue will be used to televise and smoke-test all of the City's remaining sewer lines.

The issue will appear on the Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> municipal election ballot and requires a simple majority for approval. If approved, the City Council intends to sell the bonds through the DNR's State Revolving Fund program. This program is capitalized with federal funds that allow DNR to provide a 70% interest subsidy. After DNR adds a 1% fee for administration, the City's interest cost on \$6 million will be approximately 2.6%. The DNR has also implemented its Spring Basin Initiative that provides grants to communities within the Spring Basin Watershed, including Monett, to upgrade their water and wastewater facilities. The maximum grant amount is 50% of the project cost.

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The City Council has implemented a 3-year phase-in of sewer rate increases to pay for improvements to the collection system. If the City receives grant funds through the Spring Basin Initiative, it should not require an additional rate increase to fund this project.

**How does Monett's sewer rates compare with other Missouri cities?** According to a report compiled by the Missouri Public Utility Alliance, for cities with populations between 6,000 – 9,999, Monett is the 7<sup>th</sup> lowest cost of 36 cities with an average monthly sewer bill that is 25% below the average cost.

If any local service clubs or groups would like to learn more about the City's plans to upgrade the sewer system by having City officials speak to your group, please contact the City Utilities office at 235-3300.

Monett residents of Barry County will vote at the South Park Casino and Lawrence County residents will vote at the Presbyterian Church located at 700 E. Sycamore Street. Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

**WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>.**

**MONETT CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE**

On April 26<sup>th</sup>, Monett will be hosting a city-wide garage sale! This is your opportunity to turn your unwanted items into someone else's treasure. Need more information? Want listed on the map? Call the Monett Chamber of Commerce at 235-7919.

**MONETT CITY-WIDE CLEAN UP**

The City of Monett Public Works Department will sponsor a city-wide clean up from April 28 through May 9, 2014. During this period there will be no charge for appliances or other items picked up. Please note that we cannot pick up refrigerators, deep freezers, air conditioners, tires, batteries, or any household hazardous waste due to regulations regarding these items. Items **must** be separated by category—metal, wood, plastic, etc. **There will be a limit of 8 cubic yards (6' wide X 9' long X 4' high). Quantities larger than 8 cubic yards will not be picked up until arrangements have been made for an additional fee.** Please have your items out by 7:00 a.m. on the first day designated to your area. We will only pick up in each area once. A map is located at [www.cityofmonett.com](http://www.cityofmonett.com). If you have any questions, please call 235-3495. Thank you for your cooperation.

Monday, April 28 and Tuesday, April 29

North of Cleveland

Wednesday, April 30 and Thursday, May 1

West city limits to Central

Friday, May 2 and Monday, May 5

Central to Ninth

Tuesday, May 6 and Wednesday, May 7

Ninth to East city limits

Thursday, May 8 and Friday, May 9

Railroad tracks to South city limits