

Date: August 15, 2006

To: Mayor and Council Members

From: John Archocosky

RE: Activity Report

The past month has been primarily utilized in trying to bring some of our projects to closure.

We have just completed an inspection and review of our DNR recreation project at Nelson Field. All went well and although we still have some seed and mulch work that needs to be redone, the concession stand and restrooms have been completed and approved. The prison crew was utilized to place the brick pavers on the patio area in front of the concession stand and the pavers with the names of those who contributed to the "Friends of Nelson Field" were positioned in the form of a large "W" for West Iron County Schools. Even though it isn't required by code, the city crew is constructing a handrail system around the drop off area at the edge of the patio. We felt it would not only act as a safety reminder but will also help control the foot traffic near the concession stand.

The Lalley Road Sewer project has been completed per the original contract. As there is a balance in the contingency however, we will be adding some DEQ Reserve funds to this amount and completing one more phase in this area. The Sewer Interceptor project is going very well and will be completed this fall. These projects will surely have a positive impact on reducing the City's I&I to the sewer plant.

The Clerks office has been particularly busy with changes in the voting machines for the Primary Election. The State sent four new units to replace those which were just changed out in the last two years. Apparently in their infinite wisdom, they decided that all the machines needed to be updated across the State. As a result, Peggy spent numerous hours trying to get the new voting machines to function properly. Almost every machine malfunctioned when the pre-accuracy test were run and had to be returned and replaced or fixed by the manufacturer.

The razing of Cloverland Motel project came to an abrupt halt shortly after our last month's meeting. It appears that due to some administrative changes at MSDA and MEDC the project did not meet the required criteria to receive funding as originally planned. Thanks to our Senator, Representative and the Governor's U.P. office staff, the problem has been corrected and we should be back on track with in the next few days.

Our summer helpers in the DPW will soon be headed back to school. As in the past, they were a tremendous help by taking care of the grass cutting and other smaller projects. Their presence made it possible for the City crew to work on other large jobs that needed to be completed.