

**Date:** May 18, 2011

**To:** Mayor and Council Members

**From:** John Archocosky, Manager

**RE:** Monthly Activity Report

The last month has passed quickly with the ongoing preparation of the various construction projects that will begin this summer. Once again, the City will be experiencing multiple projects occurring at the same time, and as such, our goal will be to minimize the inconvenience to the citizens and the visitors in our area. The construction projects will be occurring in several areas of the City and will certainly keep our DPW department busy locating lines where excavations will take place. The projects also must be scheduled in such a way as to not interfere with all the summer activities that are planned for this coming summer and the next two construction seasons.

The DPW has been continuing its efforts to get the streets swept and patched. The late spring thaw has made this work more difficult to be completed timely as there still remain areas of frost in the ground and under our streets that is preventing this type of work. As a result, we are about three weeks behind our normal work schedule for this time of the year. Our summer work students have recently started and will be able to help with roadside cleanup, and cleaning and preparing our parks. We have finally been able to turn on the water in the RV Park, Nelson Field and other parks with utilities. The snow plows have been removed and stored and the summer equipment such as the street sweeper, lawnmowers, and other such tools have been checked out over and made ready for the summer helpers.

This past weekend the City held its annual spring cleanup and recycling program with the assistance of Great American Disposal (GAD) and True Recycling of Caspian. Items that cannot be placed in the regular weekly trash were accepted such as building and construction materials, washers, dryers, and car batteries. Hopefully our residents took advantage of this opportunity to rid themselves of those types of items that are usually difficult to discard. Over the past two weeks, the DPW has also conducted its spring brush pickup of leaves and brush from residents yards if they were placed by the curb.

The City Treasurer continues to be busy with finalizing the 2011- 2012 Budget which is quite a challenge in light of the uncertainty of the proposed changes the State has proposed.

In addition to the regular daily activities, the Clerk's Office conducted an election for the West Iron County Schools which ran smoothly. In addition to the election

of school board members, the electors were also asked to support a millage proposal supporting the Windsor Center which was approved. Building permits for small construction projects have increased substantially and we are processing them as quickly as possible.

The Planning/Zoning Board continues to meet and is reviewing the entire Zoning Ordinance for possible changes and necessary updates. This process is likely to take a few more months before being submitted to the City Council for consideration and approval.

The TIF court case has been referred to Dickinson County as Judge Schwedler felt he might have a possible conflict in hearing the issues. Hopefully this will not delay the process as this County is continuing to withhold captured taxes that would otherwise be used by the DDA to proceed with several projects to which they have already committed.