

2018 STATE OF THE CITY

Aumsville – A Great Place to Live
(work, serve, and play)



Council Visioning

- Council confirmed objectives, prioritization of projects
- Confirmed vision for city and memorialized several priorities in developing sense of place

Administration and Finance

- ✓ Redefine Newsletter
- ✓ Refinement of business licenses
- ✓ Development of informational pamphlets for public use
- ✓ Development of Staff Retreat (ongoing goal)
- ✓ Identifying cross training opportunities.
- ✓ Negotiated several agreements beneficial to city, land, park rental, and leases.
- ✓ Create Financial Forecasting Model
- ✓ Review and Revise Fee Schedule
- ✓ Ordinance allowing recompense of costs in excess of land use application fees
- ✓ Upgrade finance software for courts.
- ✓ Re-negotiation of franchise fee contracts
- ✓ New employee policy handbook.

Parks and Recreation

Park Projects

- ✓ Wildwood Restrooms and Expansion – grant for \$75k
- ✓ Acquisition of Highberger Park Addition
- ✓ Acquisition agreement of park property north of Porter-Boone Park
- ✓ Update Park Master Plan
- ✓ Porter-Boone stage.
- ✓ Agreement to acquire flowers meadow park.

PARC events and activities

- ✓ In-house planning committee for city events
- ✓ Donations exceeding \$3000 for non-summer program events
- ✓ Changes to Corn Festival parade
- ✓ Successful “Day of Christmas”
- ✓ Summer Program for the future?

Parks and Recreation

Park Projects

- ✓ State law makers restored recreational immunity in SB 327
- ✓ Filled in pedestrian sidewalks leading to Highberger Park.
- ✓ Tree city USA designation
- ✓ Actively engaging Marion County on feasibility and proposal for Porter Boone Public Works shops.
- Currently pursuing a grant to purchase 23 acre community or regional park property.
- Discussion with Marion County over Aumsville Ponds, Must be outside box.

Planning and Development

Land Use Planning

- ✓ Update Development Ordinance – Interchange Zone
- ✓ Continuing goal for 2018 – update/change Development Ordinance to match city's vision for development.
- ✓ Development check list and process.
- ✓ Participating in grant for housing rehabilitation.
- ✓ Looking into grant opportunities to rewrite city codes.

Commercial & Residential Development

- ✓ Flowers Meadows II Subdivision
- ✓ Del Mar Flowers Subdivision
- ✓ Clover Court Subdivision
- ✓ Richie Way apartments (11th Street)
- ✓ Dollar General
- ✓ Mill Creek Commercial Subdivision.
- ✓ New veterinarian clinic.
- ✓ Office space on Main
- ✓ Auto detail business
- ✓ Industrial subdivision.

Law Enforcement & Municipal Court

Completed

- ✓ Fill funding gap.
- ✓ Municipal Court Software update
- ✓ Approach to delinquent payments.
- ✓ Emergency Management board.
- ✓ Police Handbook (LEDS)
- ✓ Purchased a used vehicle to reduce VMD
- ✓ Passed LEDS audit

In Process

- Replacement of leased cars (USDA grant)
- Working toward CJIS compliance.

Projects – Public Works

Completed

- ✓ Michael Way Street improvements
- ✓ Assess and address water leakage
- ✓ Review and Update/re-establishment of water and wastewater project priorities
- ✓ Safe Routes to School agreement.
- ✓ Tree City USA

In Process

- Safe Routes to School contract & street improvements
- City easement to Highberger Ditch & maintenance of ditch
- Water Tower Well Storage and maintenance
- New funding for capital projects.
- Addition to public works facilities in design.

Projects – Public Works

Completed

- ✓ Re-drilling Tower well.
- ✓ New air conditioner in community center.
- ✓ City Hall ventilation issues.
- ✓ Reconditioned brick project at museum.
- ✓ “Smart Run” installation on lift stations.
- ✓ Change in budget approach allows projects to be completed.
- ✓ Change in code enforcement

In Process

- Public Works Director working on operations SOP manuals.
- Small City allotment grant for Michael Way.
- Clean up of Mill Creek along farm property.

Projects - Regional

Completed

- ✓ Buildable Lands Inventory
- ✓ Coordination with other communities.
- ✓ Coordination within our own community with impacted agencies.
- ✓ Regional Emergency Management group (CERT)

In Process

- Railroad abandonment/crossing improvements
- Obtain Marion Co. Public Works shop area
- IGA with Turner for study of flooding
- Marion County Ponds ?

IT system

Completed

- ✓ Conducted system inventory and evaluation to have complete understanding of system to develop IT plan.
- ✓ Renegotiated new service contract with City of Independence for IT service contract.
- ✓ Closed security gaps in firewall to reduce risk exposure of critical city information and systems.
- ✓ Installed new battery back up system and switches to reduce the server down occurrences.
- ✓ Installed new ventilation system in server room to reduce heat.
- ✓ Repaired certain system functions that were previously inefficient like documents to scanner in city hall and
- ✓ LEADS printer in police department.
- ✓ Receive state contract prices for Office 365.
- ✓ Greatly reduced the number of critical failures.
- ✓ Formed technology committee to approach IT services as a whole
- ✓ Working toward making our system CJIS compliant.
- ✓ See complete report from the IT contractor..

General

Completed

- ✓ Outreach to cities to demonstrate our forecasting model.
- ✓ Christmas decorations along Main Street
- ✓ Flower baskets program.
- ✓ Limiting Risk following standard administrative practices.
- ✓ Citizen action forms
- ✓ Supporting department as SME
- ✓ Weekly staff meetings.

In Process

- Updating universal filing system.
- Hardware replacement for IT system including developing a computer replacement schedule.
- Organizing archiving
- Financial policies
- Desk manual: several are in different stages of completion but a lot of progress has been made.
- Developing internal training and cross training programs
- Building opportunities for outside revenues and or grants.
- We have identified about three dozen code conflicts

2017-2018 Goals

KEY TO PRIORITY RATINGS

- **1 – Do now – budget in the forth-coming budget year**
- **2 – Look at accomplishing 2-3 years in the future**
- **3 – Nice to have – not to look at funding for at least 3 – 5 years in the future**
- **4 – Routine – on-going from year to year**

Goal #1 – Provide and maintain municipal facilities and infrastructure to support current operations and growth.

	OBJECTIVE	PRIORITY
1.1	Determine needed water and sewer system repairs, maintenance and modifications and develop priorities and implementation plan.	✓1
1.2	Develop needed road system repairs, maintenance and modifications and develop priorities and implementation plan.	✓1
1.3	Complete franchise fee agreements.	✓1
1.4	Evaluate needs and use of Aumsville Ponds and Marion County Public Works facilities.	3

Goal #2 – Support and encourage community involvement to create a sense of community and enhance livability.

	OBJECTIVE	PRIORITY
2.1	Reach consensus and adopt overall identity and vision for the City.	✓1-4
2.2	Explore ways to encourage maintenance, use and/or resale of abandoned homes/buildings.	✓1
2.3	Advocate for effective CARTS (transit) service to the City.	✓1-4
2.4	Clarify restrictions on smoking and tobacco usage in public facilities, including parks	✓1
2.5	Develop overall plan and vision for community events and celebrations, including purpose and responsibility.	✓1
2.6	Evaluate the need for larger Community Center/Facilities to meet overall community needs.	3
2.7	Encourage the formation and development of organized community service and/or business groups.	1

Goal #3 – Create an environment to attract, retain and grow businesses.

	OBJECTIVE	PRIORITY
3.1	Develop plan/process for expansion of the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB).	✓2
3.2	Mitigate railroad issues to meet needs of the City.	3
3.3	Acquire high speed fiber and internet for the City.	3
3.4	Review ordinances and practices to ensure consistency with the goal of attracting, retaining and growing businesses.	✓1-4

Goal #4 – Ensure a safe and prepared environment for citizens and businesses.

	OBJECTIVE	PRIORITY
4.1	Determine where City's assets and needs are in case of an emergency.	2 Ongoing
4.2	Continue to disseminate emergency preparedness information to citizens.	4 Ongoing
4.3	Continue to evaluate public safety measurements and recommend revisions.	4 Ongoing

Goal #5 – Provide City services that are responsive to citizens and demonstrate good stewardship.

	OBJECTIVE	PRIORITY
5.1	Update/Improve City Hall computer system	✓1
5.2	Develop long-range financial plan.	✓4 Ongoing



The End