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City Administrator Report to Mayor & City Council

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Report Overview

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Report

1. Hershey: (8/22) The leak on Main Street was located and repaired. It was a corporation stop (shut-off valve) fitting at the tap into the 16" main that was leaking. The surface is being squared up for paving. The hole in the street will be backfilled and opened to one-lane, alternating traffic. Heuer will pour concrete (to the surface) tomorrow. It will remain one-lane, alternating traffic until early next week. Green Street remains open, West 3rd will be open soon.
2. Bridge Lighting: Musco has stepped up and redone the conduit, expansion joints, and re-run the electrical wiring for the lighting project. The remaining issue is that 21 of the 43 lights are out and need replaced. The manufacturer is no longer in business. A new source for lighting has been identified (and includes a 3 year warranty). To replace the lights, have a few spares and rent the equipment to complete installation, \$60,000 is needed. MPW has indicated that it can provide around \$20,000 towards the project. At our September 8th in-depth session a more complete review of the issues and work to date will be provided and representatives from the Chamber, HON, Musco, Stanleys, etc. should be in attendance. As we no longer have the \$70,000 commitment to backfill the chamber's RLF for the Bandag grant, the City could utilize a portion (\$40,000) of this funding to help complete the project and secure the original investment (\$250,000 Musco, \$100,000 grant, and \$10,000 City). Long term a fund and the Community Foundation could be created to assist with upkeep and maintenance of the Bridge lights. The Bridge has become quite a recognizable symbol for Muscatine and an attraction unto itself
3. Goals: We need to determine a date for our annual goal setting session. I will be meeting with staff on September 12 to review and discuss annual goals. So, late September or October will be ideal for a Council session. Please let me know if you have a preference – weekday evening or Saturday morning session.
4. Police Department: Promotions have occurred in the Police Department. Effective August 29, 2011, Corporal Vince Motto will move up to the rank of Sergeant. Effective August 30, 2011, Officer David O'Connor will also be moved up to the rank of Sergeant. Congratulations to both.

"I remember Muscatine for its sunsets. I have never seen any on either side of the ocean that equaled them" — Mark Twain