

City of ★

INDEPENDENCE

2016 Annual Report



ADMINISTRATION



INFRASTRUCTURE

- ★ Completed West Main street improvement project.
- ★ Completed 10th & Chestnut intersection improvements.
- ★ Completed plans for Lakeside sewer lift station improvements
- ★ Completed \$1 million in sanitary sewer rehabilitation in Basin 5.
- ★ Completed major improvements to airport runways and taxiways.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- ★ Hired new police chief.
- ★ Received "Gold Star" rating from KMIT resulting in 10% insurance premium discount.
- ★ Drastically reduced expenses paid related to worker's compensation claims.
- ★ Began CPR/First Aid renewal classes for all City employees.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

- ★ Helped recruit Kelly Aerospace to the community and provided space at airport hangar
- ★ Provided utility enhancements for Labette Health Independence Health Center and Comfort Inn & Suites.

ADA

- ★ Made significant progress on ADA ramp construction (nearly 1,300 completed to date), and received notification of Department of Justice case closure due to satisfactory progress and future workplan.

COMMUNICATIONS

- ★ Launched a revamped, user-friendly web site and mobile app.
- ★ Implemented a new quarterly newsletter.
- ★ Co-sponsored "First Friday" community updates with Chamber of Commerce.
- ★ Added video recordings of City Commission meetings and First Fridays on local Cable Channel and on YouTube for community access.
- ★ Updated emergency alert and information update capability with mobile device applications.
- ★ Updated storm warning video.

- ★ **T-Hangar grant replacement of taxi lanes**
- ★ **Received grant to update existing AWOS (under contract)**
- ★ **Cover constructed for fuel trucks**
- ★ **Repaired power gate at administration building**
- ★ **Extensive upgrade completed at round-top hangar**

AWOL

DOGS

- ★ 155 adopted
- ★ 119 reclaimed

CATS

- ★ 134 adopted
- ★ 18 reclaimed



Total animals sheltered: 530

Dog spays/neuters: 183

Cat spays/neuters: 243

BUILDING



35 residential building permits issued, representing
\$736,120 in construction

47 commercial building permits issued, representing
\$14,445,706 in construction

\$35,908.90 collected in permit fees

\$15,181,826 total building valuation

12 condemned structures removed by the City

15 condemned structures removed by the property owners

3 condemned structures were repaired by property owners

22 structures were condemned

19 condemnations were rescinded

14 rental inspections for the Independence Housing Authority

28 inspections from rental housing complaints

4 fire suppression equipment inspections



Welcomed

Don Cushing

***to the role of
Building Inspector***

FINANCE



City Licenses Issued	No.	Revenue
Business	1,765	\$43,113.75
Electrician	37	\$ 1,255.00
Plumber	30	\$ 1,160.00
CMB/Alcohol	28	\$ 5,300.00
Pet Licenses	331	\$ 1,413.25
Rummage Sales	371	\$ 927.50
TOTALS	2,562	\$53,169.50

Other Fees		
Water Payments		\$1,380,159.64
Sewer Service Fees		\$2,007,832.17
Sanitation Fees		\$1,130,195.57
TOTALS		\$4,518,187.38

*Total revenue collected
through all City sources*

\$18,103,229.90



***Welcomed
Heather Bryant
to the role of
City Treasurer***

Completed **43**
open records
requests.

FIRE/EMS



2,462 Medical Calls

2,240 Emergency

228 Non-Emergency

1,207 Patients Transported

3:51 Avg Response Time

\$691,868.33 Revenue Generated

84,500 Mileage on EMS units



16 Residential

2 Commercial

1 Industry

14 Grass Fires

9 Car Fires

5 Mutual Aid Requests

42 False Alarms

12 Alarm Malfunctions

18 Unintentional Fires

1 Civilian Death

1 Serious Injury

\$1.4 million estimated damages



MEMORIAL HALL



***Total Rental
Fees Collected
= \$36,478***

***Facility Usage Detail –
Number of times used:***

- ★ **Civic Center – 131**
- ★ **Kitchen – 53**
- ★ **Gallery – 84**
- ★ **Veterans Room – 103**
- ★ **Am. Legion Room – 47**
- ★ **VFW Room – 17**
- ★ **Spanish Room – 10**
- ★ **Patriot Room – 36**
- ★ **Lobby – 64**
- ★ **Auditorium – 62**
- ★ **Green Room – 22**
- ★ **Dressing Rooms - 26**



*Welcomed the
National
Fiddler Hall
of Fame and
Shenandoah
to the
Memorial
Hall stage.*



MUNICIPAL COURT



794 Cases Filed
43 Trials
500 Found Guilty
31 Diversions
220 Cases Dismissed

\$150,020.04
collected in court fines

PARK & ZOO



PARK

- ★ Repaired, repainted, renovated or replaced: Miniature train and track; playground restrooms, mini-golf greens and 17 flower urns.
- ★ New firetruck playground equipment installed with FORPAZ funding
- ★ 80,488 ride tickets sold, generating \$16,113.03.
- ★ 442 park facility rentals generated \$15,365 / Concession stand \$1,465.28.
- ★ Hosted more than 30 school outings.

Celebrated the rededication of Logan Fountain!



*... and welcomed Syrian bear sisters
Amalia Nur, Malica Ishtar
and Samra' May.*

ZOO

- ★ Improved tortoise barn, bear exhibit, roofs and gates.
- ★ New babies: Bison, elk, capuchin, peacocks and deer.
- ★ Zoolloween: 1,200 guests/\$2,369 raised.
- ★ 6th year to assist ICC Vet Tech program.
- ★ 28 volunteers contributed 326.75 hours of service.

OTHER

- ★ Sold 31 cemetery spaces, with 116 burials, 38 cremations and 56 new stones placed.
- ★ Department planted 55 trees downtown.

PLANNING & ZONING



2016 Planning Commission/Board of Appeals Approvals

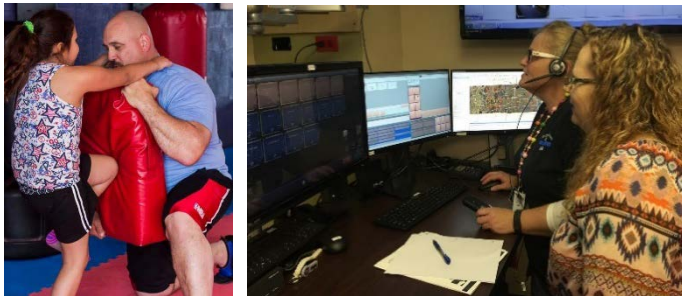
ACTION	DESCRIPTION
4 Conditional Use Permits	524 W. Railroad (Grain Elevator), 510 and 584 North Peter Pan Road (Medical Facility), 2120 N. 13 th (Nursing, Convalescent and Rest Home Services) and 1318 W. Hickory (Daycare)
3 Rezoning	524 W. Railroad (unzoned railroad ROW to M-1), 510 and 584 North Peter Pan Road (City R-4 and County R-1 to City C-4) and 2120 N. 13 th (R-1 to R-4)
6 Variances	1305 N. Penn (setbacks), 319 S. 6 th (setbacks), 1325 and 1329 N. Penn (setbacks), 510 and 584 N. Penn (number of parking spaces), 2230 Sue Lane (setbacks), 309 S. 6 th and 315 S. 6 th (setbacks)



POLICE



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- ★ Promoted 3 sergeants within the department; hired 3 officers and 1 dispatcher.
- ★ Dispatchers handled 17,263 calls (11,723 calls for the PD; 5,540 for Independence and Cherryvale Fire/EMS).
- ★ NexGen 911 telephone system installed; dispatch center shared with Mont. County Sheriff's Dispatch.
- ★ Investigated 221 vehicle accidents and 2,463 incident/crime reports.
- ★ Made 620 arrests.
- ★ Issued more than 300 traffic citations.
- ★ School Resource Officer dedicated approximately 1,250 hours to USD 446.
- ★ Donation received for purchase of 15 new outer vest carriers for patrol officers
- ★ Educated approximately 100 women in 5 self-defense classes.



***Welcomed
Jerry Harrison
to the role of
Police Chief***



**Bid farewell
to retiring
Chief
Harry Smith**

RECYCLING

**90,220 lbs.
COLLECTED!**

492 Volunteer Hours
for the year

Average **170 Monthly**
Drop-offs

Average **4.1 Tons**
monthly collections



SANITATION



Picked up **6,126** tons of trash,
23 appliances and
311 miscellaneous
piles of trash



*Supported annual City-wide and
Downtown Cleanup events and
implemented special recycling
opportunity for businesses.*



The sanitation department generated
\$1,130,195.57 in
revenue in 2016.

STREET DEPARTMENT



Removed and replaced downtown clocks for repainting. Completed all routine tasks... hanging downtown banners, setting barricades for events, etc.



Picked up **1,195** piles of brush and performed **1,400** linear feet of ditch cleaning.

Completed demolition of the former Town & Country convenience store at the corner of Penn and Chestnut.

Installed **210** linear feet of storm drain pipe.

Mowed **375** nuisance lots full of tall grass



WASTEWATER PLANT

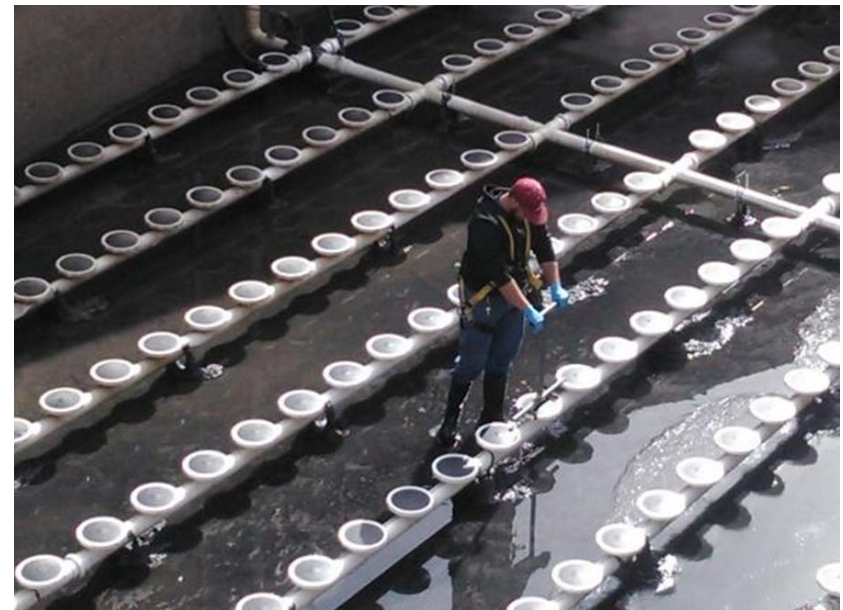


Applied **111** dry tons
of bio-solids.

Treated

605,550,000

gallons of waste water



Replaced each individual diffuser in the two
aeration basins.

Generated

\$2,007,832

in sewer fees

WATER/SEWER CREW



And helped save the
City's water supply
during the
Thanksgiving
week crisis!

Repaired **158**
water main leaks.

Responded to **1,953** calls for
water line repair.

Cleaned
75,106
feet of sewer main pipe

Installed **2,500** feet of
8" water main for new
health center.

WATER TREATMENT



Complete Roof on
WTP Building



Installed new
control panel



Basin repair and
cleaning.



Installed circulation
pump in ICC water
tower.

The water treatment plant treated **755,485,000** gallons of water in 2016.

538,404,800 gallons were pumped into the City to be sold which generated

\$1,380,160 in revenue.



General maintenance,
including cleaning
sludge pit and airport
drainage ditches.

And helped
save the
City's water
supply
during the
Thanksgiving
week crisis!



Painted
backwash
pumps.

WEBSITE



Search...



Government

Services

Business

Community

How Do I...

81,339 TOTAL VISITS

176,943 TOTAL PAGE VIEWS

2:40 AVERAGE TIME SPENT ON PAGE

7,537 PARK & ZOO PAGE VISITS

3,204 ONLINE PAYMENT PAGE VISITS

44% VISITORS USE MOBILE DEVICES



Request A Service
Connect with the city



Online Reservations
View current options



Commission Agendas
View latest documents



Online Bill Pay
Pay utility bills



Notify Me
Sign up for updates

PIVOTAL EVENTS



Independence City Hall
has temporarily relocated.
Please visit us at:
811 W. Laurel

Police Department
Fire/EMS
Municipal Court

Water Department
Housing Authority
All City Offices



620-332-2500 ■ Independenceks.gov

City Hall Moving Day August 2016

PIVOTAL EVENTS



*New Fire/EMS Apparatus Bay
Construction Completed October 2016*

PIVOTAL EVENTS



Total
Employee
Hours =
1,152.5

Total
Volunteer
Hours =
345.25



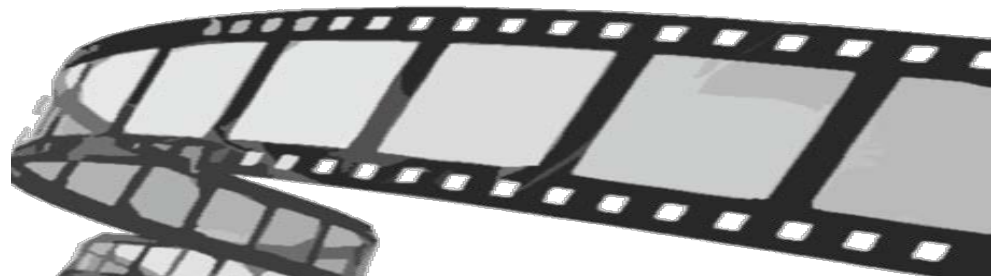
Water Emergency November 2016

SOCIAL COMMITTEE



Hosted several employee outings, such as **MOVIE NIGHT**, a **DAY AT THE ASH YOUTH CENTER** and **PARK** and **POOL** gatherings.

AWARDS were presented to Fire/EMS and PD employees and to employees working hardest at the **FISH! Philosophy**



SERVICE AWARDS



35 YEARS
BARB BEURSKENS
Park & Zoo Director



25 YEARS
BRENDA WEAVER
Deputy City Clerk



25 YEARS
LYLE BALDWIN
PSW III



25 YEARS
RUSTY BAKER
Fire/EMS Chief

SERVICE AWARDS



20 YEARS
JIM BENNETT
Cemetery Sexton



15 YEARS
JIM BRICKENS
Street Department



15 YEARS
CURTIS WILSON
Sanitation Department



10 YEARS
JASON REDDY
Sergeant
Police Department

SERVICE AWARDS



10 YEARS

MARCUS HAMILTON

Fire Department



5 YEARS

MELISSA ADEY

Dispatcher Police
Department



5 YEARS

KEVIN HENRY

Water Treatment Plant



5 YEARS

ERIC SANDON

Police Officer I
Police Department

SERVICE AWARDS



Thank You...

