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THE PIPERTON PULSE

REPORTING ON THE HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITY



“You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, smarter than you think, and loved more than you'll ever know.” — A.A. Milne

Mayor's Message



Mayor Henry Coats

I'd like to take a moment to say hello to our new residents! Welcome to one of the best kept secrets in West Tennessee! I try to come by and personally meet each new family but the current pandemic makes it difficult. I'm still getting around the subdivisions as frequently as possible and would be happy to attend any neighborhood meeting you may have scheduled.

As noted below, the city is in excellent financial shape. I'm very proud to say that Piperton continues to be debt free! I don't know of any other city able to state that fact.

The World Health Organization officially declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic on March 11, 2020, which, coincidentally, was the posting date of the City's last Newsletter. Few could have foreseen the havoc that the coronavirus would wreak across the globe in the intervening four months. State of Tennessee stay-at-home orders ensued thereafter and with the related closure of many retail businesses, the resulting impact on county and municipal budgets across the state was significant. The City, in fact, had initially forecast a decrease in budgeted revenue streams for Fiscal Year 2020 in excess of \$200,000.00. Fortunately, however, May and June were both strong months for businesses in Piperton and the City ended Fiscal Year 2020 (June 30th) on solid footing. The City enters Fiscal Year 2021 (July 1st) with strong fund balances across its general and enterprise fund accounts, no debt and new businesses and industry on the horizon.



Your editors have decided to issue a COVID-19 abbreviated newsletter outlining the major activities in our community since the last newsletter. Our desire is to return to our normal Newsletter this fall including SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS when interviews can be safely held.



Police Chief Hendricks reports that the city currently has 7 full time officers and will have another officer starting in August. Officers are on duty 7 days per week for your protection.

Code Enforcement

Code enforcement has a new inspector, and many of you know her, since Elizabeth Reed has been working at the permit desk. She is already certified in plumbing, working on mechanical, and currently working with Tommie Johnson. Ashley Parker has taken over Elizabeth's previous position. Congratulations Elizabeth and welcome Ashley!



Happy Anniversary To:

- Justin Hale (Public Works- 1 yr.)
- Gregory Kizer (Public Works -1 yr.)
- Michael Weldy (Fire Dept – 3 yrs)
- Rico Beason (Public Works – 4 yrs)
- Capt. Bennet (Police – 11 yrs)
- Marcy Rose (Court Clerk – 12 yrs)

Controlled growth continues with Crown Equipment's completion and the new opening of Dollar General. If you haven't been out Poplar toward Rossville lately you should take a look at the new Dollar General. Power and Tel is starting limited operations in August and hopefully will be completely operational by the end of the year. These are all owner-occupied facilities, lending to greater stability in these turbulent times.



A 14-lot subdivision in Shaw's Creek was approved and recommended to the Board of Mayor and Commissioners, with one of the conditions that when complete, they will repair any damage on the roads from Raleigh LaGrange to the subdivision. This condition was important to the homeowners association.

Lagrange Pointe (Madeline Farms) Subdivision, phase 2 consisting of 35 lots, was approved and sent to the Board of Mayor and Commissioners for their approval. Included in the approval for this phase is a pond, soccer field and pavilion.

Our new Public Works building is operational and the final touches are being completed for parking behind the building and the equipment entrance. Working with Waste Management, the City has been cleaning up unsightly trash and dumping, which puts us a little behind on the grass cutting. We should catch up soon.

The City of Piperton wants to reassure the citizens of Piperton that we are staying updated on the coronavirus and best-practice procedures in responding to any call for service from our residents. For the most updated information you should contact the Centers for Disease Control at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/summary.html>

***** SPECIAL NOTICE *****

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, attendance at City of Piperton public meetings, including any advertised public hearings, will be limited in accordance with state, federal and CDC guidelines for public gatherings until further notice. Any citizen wishing to speak during the public comments invitation or on a matter for which a public hearing is advertised, has the option of submitting a written statement to the City Recorder by email to bholloway@pipertontn.com or mailed to the City Recorder, P.O. Box 328, Collierville, TN 38027, or dropped in the drop slot located at City Admin, 3725 Hwy 196 S, Suite B, to the left of the front door. Submitted statements will be read into and made part of the record at the public hearing in lieu of making a statement in person.

Attendance at City of Piperton public meetings is limited to 12 individuals, including commission members and staff. Temperature checks will be required for all visitors, along with the use of a protective face mask.



Upcoming Meetings and Events

All meetings are open to the public and attendance is encouraged

2nd Tues (monthly), 6pm Planning Commission at City Hall (fire station)

3rd Tues (monthly), 6pm Mayor and Commissioners at City Hall (fire station)



Administration

Maria George & Bev Holloway

Piperton 2020 City Taxes will be mailed by the State towards the end of September. Any delinquent taxes must be paid before payment is accepted on 2020 taxes. All delinquent 2019 taxes will be sent to Chancery Court March 1, 2021.

TDOT is working on Hwy 196 N for the next 18 months for bridge repairs, so Hwy 196 will be down to one-lane with traffic light control.



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