

June 2015

Greeting I hope this letter finds each of you well. First I want to appologize for the lateness of this edition of the Mayors Monthly Message. June was a very busy month for the council and I. All I can say is WOW. I was astonished by the support we had for our 1st Annual 4th of July Celebration. It was a great sight to see all enjoying themselves. I had a blast and I hope you did as well. I want to thank the community for the support, and all those that came together to pull off this event. It's times like these that show how much can get done when everyone pulls together for a common goal. We started off with 120 burgers and 120 hot dogs and had to buy more. The funnel cakes were a success and the activities on the grounds were enjoyed by all which included the Dunking Booth, Miniature Golf, the Bounce House, Italian Ice and the Cake Walk. Thanks to all the ladies that baked the cakes for the cake walk and Halie and Jamie for taking on the task of running it. Tammy and Frank thank you for the miniature golf and Italian Ice, Brad Fennel with Big Time Inflatables out of Sikeston for the bounce house and Dennis with the Vanduser Gin Company for putting together the blower for the bounce house, Bobby Penrod for cooking, Justin Gordon for getting the Dunking Booth and of course all the guys and gals with the Scott County Rural Fire District for their hard work. To end the night with a bang we shot off fireworks. We are planning this as an annual event and a committee will be formed for next year. I want to make this bigger and better each year. We will keep you up to date on this. Smith and Company met with the board members to go over the engineering report for the streets. The paperwork has been sent to the state for review. Yes we are getting closer to paving. Blaine Johnson out of Sikeston has completed the annual painting of city properties. We will be going around looking at tree limbs over the streets. Property owners will be responsible for cutting down the limbs and disposing of those limbs. The reasoning behind this is for the dump trucks off loading asphalt. Your attention to this is appreciated. We are still working on the town clean up. Remember YOU are responsible for keeping your properties clean. Lastly you will see a different water bill than you are used to. These bills will be paper like the new ones from Ameren UE. Please bare with us in the change-over of bills. So as this Mayors Monthly Message comes to a close I say Thank You again to the Citizens of Vanduser and the surrounding area for the great 4th of July Celebration.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Hargrove- Mayor