

**MAYOR'S REPORT  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2012**

*Where did the past several months go! As summer turns to fall and the autumn begins, the City will be setting its sights on the final quarter of the year. I would like to welcome council back from summer recess.*

*The following report summarizes activities that have taken place over the past several months, regarding status of projects that our completed or are in progress, personnel changes, a new business coming to our city, new gas rates for the winter season for our residents and future leasing of city owned properties.*

**PROJECTS**

- **Runge Blvd.** – The project is complete except for the final punch list items that the contractor needs to complete prior to final payment. The roadway has been widened, new curbing, new storm sewers and new catch basins, and resurfaced. The total cost of the project is \$221,515; OPWC Cost \$146,970 and City Cost \$74,545. This project will eliminate the flooding and ponding of the road during heavy rain, as well as a safer travel for our residents.
- **Lowellville Road Resurfacing** – The preconstruction meeting was held by the Ohio Department of Transportation in Akron on September 5<sup>th</sup> with SSD Ed Wildes in attendance along with Butch & McCree Paving Contractors which whom the paving contract was awarded. Construction is to begin prior to the end of September 2012. Construction completion is by the end of October 2012 and the total cost is \$449,000. Federal Highway STP Funds are \$336,000 and OPWC Funds are \$113,000.
- **Yellow Creek Park Lighting/Bridge Rehabilitation Project**- Partnering with Mahoning County & Mill Creek MetroParks, we will rehabilitate the Yellow Creek Bridge structure, expand the entrance to Yellow Creek and install new curbs, sidewalks and decorative lighting spanning the bridge and portions of the downtown area. Bridge railing, bridge deck replacement and a new sign and planter area will be constructed in the SE Corner of the bridge identifying Yellow Creek Park along with a walkway along the approach bridge rail to serve as a pedestrian overlook of Yellow Creek. Lighting conduit will begin shortly with the remaining work to begin in the spring of 2013. This project is to be completed by Mahoning County and the total cost for the City is \$98,000, Federal Highway STP Funds are \$70,400. City share paid using CDBG FY2011 Funds = \$27,000 and the project will go to bid this fall.
- **CDBG FY2011 Formula Project** – Sidewalks and curbing east of Yellow Creek Bridge on Lowellville Road. The design is being completed at this time and the project to be bid and completed this fall. Paid for by CDBG Funds = \$52,000.
- **Ohio Department of Natural Resources Grant for Mauthe Park Playground** – Application has been submitted January 2012 and the grant request is \$18,750. The City Cost is \$6,250 and the total cost is \$25,000. We are still awaiting a decision from ODNR and there is no timetable for that decision.

- **Planning Year 2013 OPWC Grant Application** – The City will submit an application for Ohio Public Works commission funding for a resurfacing program to be completed in 2013. The City has submitted an application on September 7<sup>th</sup> for a \$143,000 resurfacing program. The applications were submitted to Eastgate Regional Council of Governments for the District 6 Committee’s review and scoring. The City’s share of this project is \$44,300. The grant amount requested is \$98,670 and it is anticipated that the City will pave segments of approximately eight (8) streets with this funding.

**Hope Classic: High School Basketball Showcase** - On Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup> a press conference was held at the Struthers Fieldhouse to announce the new community event. The Hope Classic invites men and women’s scholastic teams from the region and beyond to compete in a one-day event with teams that would ordinarily not play each other in the course of a season or lifetime. This event will be one of the most anticipated for the upcoming basketball season. Proceeds benefit chronically and/or terminally ill children on a local and regional level.

It was an honor to introduce the Executive Director Tony Spano and State Senator Joe Schiavoni and Mahoning County Commissioner Anthony Traficanti. You can visit the website **[HopeFoundation ofMahoningCounty.com](http://HopeFoundationofMahoningCounty.com)** for the schedule and more information.

**Gas Aggregate Program** - The City of Struthers has confirmed the price of \$4.61 per mcf from November 2012 through May 2013. You will be receiving literature in the mail very soon.

**Police Hires** - On September 6<sup>th</sup> the City of Struthers was happy to swear in the first full time woman into the Struthers Police Department as a full time patrolwoman. **Emma Brenoel** graduated from Poland Seminary and currently attends YSU to further her education in Criminal Justice and has graduated From Kent State University Trumbull Branch. Emma displayed a willingness to learn and adapt, and based on her background and other choices she has made I felt she would be a valuable asset to the Struthers Police Department.

On the following day, **Ryan Kolenich** was sworn in as a full time patrolman and he also will be a valuable asset to the department based on his resume and willingness to learn. I congratulate both of them and wish them the best.

I would also like to thank **Captain Thomas Skovira** for his many years of service to the Struthers Police Department and hope that his retirement brings him many more years of great health and happiness.

I would like to mention two full time excellent dispatchers that have taken different paths; **Nicholas Johnson** was hired at the State of Ohio and **Crissy Craig** was hired in Boardman, both as **dispatchers**. I wish them well as they move forward in their careers.

**Perfect Occasion Costumes & Magic Emporium** – On August 3<sup>rd</sup> Perfect Occasion Costumes & magic Emporium held their Grand Opening. They are located at 602 Youngstown-Poland Road and offer thousands of products ranging from Costumes to Smoke Machines. Also in attendance along with myself was Councilwoman Carol Crytzer, Councilmen Tony Fire & Ron Mathews.

I would like to welcome them to the City of Struthers and wish them much success.

**City Surveying** – Individual homes along Midlothian Blvd. from Youngstown-Poland Road to Fifth Street was conducted as required by Ohio Department of Development for future grant funding. I would like to thank the Chairman of General Improvements Tony Fire and council members Carol Crytzer and Ron Mathews for performing these surveys.

**Mineral Rights** – A Special Meeting of Council was held on August 8<sup>th</sup> to comply with Ohio Revised Code 721.03 with reference to Leasing of Mineral Rights of Public Land. Bids are to be opened on September 21, 2012 at 12:01 PM in my office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mayor Terry P. Stocker