

City of Munford, Tennessee

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As the new year begins, we continue to deal with issues related to **COVID19**. In order to provide a safe environment for our citizens, customers, and employees, City Hall will continue to be closed to the public through February and our plan is to reopen to the public on March 1. Currently, the drive-through is open for payments and a customer service representative is on duty to answer all phone calls during normal business hours. Our employees are working from home when possible and our departments are working split shifts in order to lessen our exposure to the COVID virus. Thank you for your patience during this difficult time.

Last month, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen approved the **2020-2021 Roadway Improvement Plan** and awarded the contract in the amount of \$212,903.75 to lowest bidder Lehman -Roberts Company. The streets to be repaired and repaved include Park Street, Reeder Avenue, Brenda Street, Kathleen, Tabb Drive, and McLaughlin at Highway 51. Some of the streets on this list will be partially paved. This project is scheduled for the second quarter of 2021.

Sales tax collections continue to remain strong for the current fiscal year with local and local option collections coming in at record levels. Factors affecting the increase are exceptional support for local businesses and robust internet sales. Thank you for your business!

We are excited to announce the launch of our **redesigned website**, <u>www.munford.com</u>. This new design will improve access to services and information to our citizens, customers, and visitors. It is much easier to navigate and will include more information and accessibility than ever. It is an ongoing work in progress, and we will be adding images and information regularly. Please visit soon.

Recently, a Tennessee Public Utility Commission Gas Pipeline Safety Inspector conducted an inspection of our natural gas facility operated by the City of Munford. Natural gas distribution is a highly regulated utility due to its dangerous nature. After exhaustive scrutiny, **no violations were identified.** Congratulations to **Senior Gas System Operator Greg Scott** and the entire gas crew for keeping us safe and warm.

Warm regards and Happy New Year,

Dwayne Cole