



City of Munford, Tennessee

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Dwayne Cole, Mayor

Mayor's Report
April 25, 2022

Once again, Munford has been named the second most affordable town in Tennessee by SmartAsset. We have consistently ranked in the top ten and this our third time coming in second among towns and cities over 5,000 in population. Our national rank is number 240. Communities are ranked according to an affordability index considering property taxes, insurance, and mortgage payments in relation to income. This is one more reason we say, "Munford is My Kind of Town." Our neighboring town, Atoka, ranked number one in this survey for the fifth consecutive year.

At long last, we have received Notice to Proceed on our intersection improvement and sidewalk project from Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT). This project involves the installation of a turn lane at Munford Avenue and Beaver Road, left and right turn lanes from Beaver Road to Munford Avenue, a turn lane at Munford Avenue and Doctor Drive, and sidewalk rehab from Park Street to College Street on Munford Avenue. The total project length is .971 miles. This project has been posted in the TDOT portal and bids will be opened on May 11 at 2:00 PM at City Hall. This project is funded by a combination of Federal, State, and Local funds.

Tonight, I am submitting the Budget for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for approval on the first reading. This \$5.56M budget includes no property tax increase, a substantial increase of \$500,000 in funding for street paving, an increase of \$350,000 in Parks and Recreation for playground equipment, and a 4% pay increase for our employees. The paving and playground portions of the budget are funded by an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant from the Federal Government.

Recently, officials from the Ford Motor Company met with local officials to discuss the impact of the Blue Oval City manufacturing plant at the Industrial Mega-Site in West Tennessee. It was highly informative, and this opportunity has the potential to transform the future for our students entering into the workforce.

We continue making progress on the emergency sewer repair on West Main/Drummonds Road. A second crew arrived last week, and this should allow us to finish sooner than originally thought, weather permitting. We are making a daily announcement on the time of opening and closing of the road so please check social media daily. Thank you for your patience as we work through this necessary repair.

National Day of Prayer is set for May 5, 2022, and the theme is "Exalt the Lord Who has Established Us." Due to a number of scheduling conflicts and other factors, I am asking our citizens to join with all of Tipton County at the NDP gathering in Covington at Noon. Of course, I am encouraging everyone to join in prayer for our nation on May 5th.

Early voting for the Republican Primary continues through April 28 and Election Day is May 3. Please exercise your right to vote for the candidate of your choice in this especially important election.

Warm regards,
Dwayne Cole, Mayor