



## City of Munford, Tennessee

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Dwayne Cole, Mayor

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Mayor's Report  
May 22, 2023

As May began, we recognized International Firefighters Day, remembering those firefighters who have lost their lives in service to their departments. We also recognized that all firefighters are characterized by dedication, commitment, and sacrifice. In the second week of May, we recognized Law Enforcement Officers and their service to our community as well as remembered those who have lost their lives in the line of duty. This week is National Public Works Week in which we recognize their importance by "connecting the world through Public Works." Each of these departments and each of these employees perform essential services to our community. It is because of you that we enjoy the high quality of life we have in My Kind of Town. Thank you.

Every city property owner recently received a new tax appraisal from the Tax Assessor's office. This new appraisal is required by State law when property values increase appreciably in a two-year period. Tipton County property sales indicate a considerable increase in value and a new appraisal is required. However, your taxes will **NOT go up** due to the new appraisal. The State Comptroller's office will supply each local government with a certified tax rate that will reflect a reduction in the tax rate to offset the appraisal increase. Your tax bill should be the same or close to the same in the coming year.

After many delays, the playground at Valentine Park is now completed and children are enjoying the area. The playground includes swings, slides, an agility course, climbing bars and other activities including benches for parents. I welcome you to check out this new feature near the concession stand at Valentine Park. Additionally, in City Park, the gazebo will undergo a reconstruction to improve its appearance and enhance safety. This project will begin soon, and it is our goal to be finished by the end of June.

We have begun the difficult task of writing a balanced budget for the upcoming fiscal year of 2023-2024. City Recorder Sherry Yelvington and I have spent much time discussing budget requests with department heads and in committee meetings with our Aldermen. We have pored over required maintenance and equipment replacement, special requests, and necessary capital expenditures. We will present a balanced budget with no proposed property increase for the tenth consecutive year at a Special Called meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen on Thursday, June 15 at 4:00 pm. This is a very conservative budget but a fair one and this is the first reading with the second reading scheduled for June 26.

The Munford Lady Cougars softball team is going to compete in the state playoffs this week in Murfreesboro. In addition to our softball team, several students/athletes have qualified to compete in various track and field competitions at the state level. We are immensely proud to have these students represent us. Go Cougars!

The Graduating Class of 2023 from Munford High School is a class of incredible distinction. Our 256 graduates received Tennessee Promise Awards valued at \$2,004,156, Hope Scholarships valued at \$4,589,100 and general scholarships in excess of \$14,852,673! There are nineteen graduates entering the military with two going into the US Naval Academy. This class has accomplished much, and we look forward to hearing from them in the years to come. Congratulations and God Bless You, Graduating Class of 2023!

Warm regards,

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