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Dwayne Cole, Mayor

Mayor's Report
July 26, 2021

After many months of negotiation and discussion, Wendy's is locating in Munford on Highway 51 next to Las Margaritas Mexican Restaurant. The Planning Commission approved the subdivision of the lot and the site plan at their meeting on July 13, 2021. The property transaction is scheduled to be finalized in August with construction to begin shortly thereafter. We hope to welcome Wendy's into our business community by the end of the year (2021).

Public Works Director Sherry Bennard and her team met with Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS) recently to discuss street evaluations as well as other issues. MTAS agreed to survey all city streets, evaluate them, and provide a five-year improvement plan for us. This independent, unbiased review will be very helpful to us and should begin within the next few weeks. Thanks to Director Bennard and her team for this proactive step.

My team and I met with executives from WastePro on July 21 to discuss their unacceptable level of service for our citizens. The discussion was frank and direct. We established clear lines of communication, discussed expectations, and made it clear that we expect immediate improvement. I thank you for your patience.

Tipton County School Superintendent Dr. John Combs, Alderman Glenn Turner, Munford Public Works staff, and Tipton County Public Works Director Shannon Reed have been working on a better plan for parent pick-up at Munford Elementary School (MES) for quite a while. With school beginning on August 3, we have made an additional pick-up entrance at MES (from Park Street) which will be ready for the first day of school. It will begin as white rock (33-C) and will be asphalted at some point. Hopefully, this will help alleviate some of the congestion in the afternoons. I would like to thank all for their cooperation in this important improvement.

Three weeks ago, Munford Fire Chief Alan Barkelew was seriously injured in a fall at his home. He was rushed to The Med where he remains today, though his condition is improving. Since it is unclear when Chief Barkelew will be able to return to work, I have appointed Lt. Jeremy Reeves as "Acting Chief." I have full confidence in his ability to lead the department during this time. Please keep Chief Barkelew and his family in your prayers.

The Celebrate Munford 5K Run, Roll and Stroll is scheduled for August 7 at 8 AM beginning at Centennial Park. Munford High School Football Cougars begin the 2021 season on August 19 (Thursday Night) against perennial power Covington Chargers at Dr. Sid Witherington Stadium in Munford. School begins on August 3 and Celebrate Munford is scheduled for a cooler October 16. There's a lot going on in My Kind of Town!

Very warm summer regards,

Dwayne Cole, Mayor