



## City of Munford, Tennessee

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Dwayne Cole, Mayor

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Mayor's Report  
August 23, 2021

Chief Alan Barkelew was seriously injured at home on July 5, 2021 and was transported to Regional One Health (The MED) in critical condition. His six weeks stay at the MED came to a close on August 19 when he was able to come home and was greeted with a large contingent of Firefighters, city employees and friends. Although Chief Barkelew is now at home, his full recovery will be long and tedious. Please continue to keep him and his family in your prayers.

Tonight, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen will review, and hopefully approve, the recent Community Mobility Study, prepared by Kimley Horn Engineering and paid for by a Community Transportation Planning Grant (CTPG) from TDOT. The study focuses on Munford Avenue (SR206) as well as Tipton Road (SR178) and evaluates intersections, connectivity, traffic patterns, traffic counts, and includes recommendations for future improvements. I am asking the Board to approve the plan tonight and this study is required to qualify for TDOT grant projects in the future. This study is available for review at [www.munford.com](http://www.munford.com)

We will also consider refinancing one of our bonds in the amount of \$1,529,630. This refunding will save the city \$49,305 and is a fixed interest rate. This is one of several bonds we are refinancing to take advantage of the historically low interest rates.

Recently, the Division of Water Resources (DWR) performed a Sanitary Survey on the City's water system. The survey consisted of a records review to document the operational performance of the system as well as an on-site inspection of the source water, disinfection, and distribution systems. Water Plant Operator Justin Barkelew cooperated fully with DWR representatives in this survey and received high praise for his assistance. The water department scored 599 points of a possible 599 total points for a 100% score. This rating retains the Munford Water Department in the State's "Approved" category. Congratulations to Justin Barkelew for his continued commitment to excellence. The result of this survey is available for review at [www.munford.com](http://www.munford.com)

The result of the 2020 Census for the City of Munford has been announced and the official population is 6302 citizens. We are thankful for a growing population in "My Kind of Town."

August 31 is International Overdose Awareness Day. Fentanyl overdoses and deaths are on the rise at an alarming rate in our country and state. To commemorate this day, I am asking all citizens to place a purple porch light on their homes in the days approaching August 31. We will be placing purple bulbs in city buildings as well. With this small gesture, I pray that those who have lost a child to drug overdoses will know this is a caring community.

Warm Summer regards,

Dwayne Cole