



City of Munford, Tennessee

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Dwayne Cole, Mayor

Mayor's Report
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Aldermen,

Congratulations to newly hired firefighter, **Brent Ruffin**. Brent served as a department reserve firefighter and was selected to join our full-time team last week. About two and a half years ago, we made a commitment to a four-year plan to hire additional full-time firefighters until we had four on each shift and provide Advanced Life Support to our citizens. We have reached that goal ahead of schedule due to the growth in businesses in Munford, generating additional sales tax revenue. Many new businesses have opened, relocated, or expanded in recent years.

As you know, we are planning to **convert the old First Citizens National Bank Drive-Thru, located in downtown Munford, to Veterans Plaza** which will include a covered performing stage, bays for a farmers market and food trucks, restroom facilities, open area, and a military focal feature. I was recently informed that a new requirement going forward to qualify for a Local Parks and Recreation Grant (LPRF) is to have a recreation master plan. Therefore, I am asking for approval to pre-apply for the LPRF grant and approve a contract for the Master Plan. This is a necessary step to receive LPRF funding in the future.

You will recall that the City of Munford received a grant for Emily's Bark Park, located at Valentine Park, from **Randy Boyd's Dog Park Dash**. These funds are now available, and we have scheduled the paving of the parking area in late October. Additional improvements in the grant include obstacles, activity areas, and shade for dogs and humans.

We are hosting a **Back the Blue Rally** at City Park on Saturday, October 3 at 11:00 AM. Featured speakers include Tipton County Sheriff Pancho Chumley and District Attorney General Mark Davidson. Please join me in honoring our Law Enforcement Officers this Saturday.

Munford Public Works has been very busy cleaning **ditches**, clearing storm **drains**, and replacing **culverts**. We are making progress and there is much, much more to do. They are also replacing the old concrete post **street signs** with new reflective markers which will be much more visible.

Please make sure to tell each of our employees how much we appreciate their hard work during this challenging time.

Warm regards,
Dwayne Cole, Mayor