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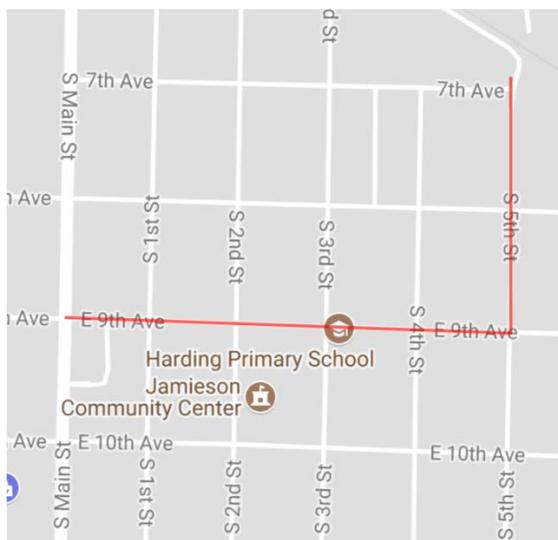
Monmouth Seeks Federal Grant for Water System Improvements

The City of Monmouth has decided to apply for a \$500,000 Federal grant under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, to replace some 1,750 linear feet of underground water line, along with new fire hydrants and new water service laterals. The targeted neighborhood is East 9th Avenue from Main Street to South 5th Street, then north on South 5th Street from East 9th Avenue to just north of East 7th Avenue. The section of watermain pipe to be replaced was selected in a previous modeling test due to its overall significance to the community's water distribution system, and adjacent elevated water tank, and because it serves an important neighborhood that benefits households of income-qualified families. The City Council has already retained the services of an outside engineering consulting firm to undertake the field survey work and prepare the design for the new watermain.

This will be a highly competitive grant application process which is being administered by the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity. The State has allocated only about \$6 million for downstate communities and anticipate only 12 – 15 grant awards, though given Monmouth's demographics and demonstrated community need, it is expected that the City will score high compared to other Illinois municipalities. The grant deadline isn't until mid-December with grant awards in early 2018 and construction next summer. This is a much needed public infrastructure project that will help many Monmouth residents not only in the immediate neighborhood, but throughout the southern part of the community.

Residents in this area should have received a survey asking some questions – this is not us getting nosy, rather it helps us to back-up the claims that will be detailed in the grant application. It is very important that residents in this area send the surveys back so we may collect the information we need to submit the application

—Lew Steinbrecher, City Administrator



City Council Meetings at City Hall
Tuesday, September 5th, at 7 p.m
and Monday, September 18th, at 7 p.m.



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OSLAD Grant Project to Begin Soon

Although there was a lengthy delay after the initial approval of the OSLAD (Open Space Land Acquisition and Development) grant, the project will begin soon. There will be a bid opening later in September at City Hall. Bids will then be considered at the following Council meeting. The contractors who are bidding have been told to be ready to mobilize and begin construction as soon after approval as possible to maximize the good weather. The campground is due to close after the Labor Day weekend so construction may begin. The campground managers will remain for an additional two months, but no other campers will be utilizing the facilities.

The cost of this project is \$400,000 and the City of Monmouth received a \$360,000 OSLAD (Open Space and Land Acquisition) grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources along with a donation of \$35,000 from a local foundation, leaving only \$5,000 for our cost.

We are adding 10 additional camping spaces, upgrading the electrical system to provide 20, 30, and 50 amp service to all 30 spots, adding a lift station to provide sewer to all 30 sites, running water lines to all spots, building a new ADA accessible bath house, new fence around the swimming pool, a piece of playground equipment and an ADA accessible fishing dock on the north lake along with parking spots nearby.

—Jan Helms, Executive Administrative Assistant

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A long list of improvements for Citizen's Lake

Road & Drainage improvements underway at South Sunny Lane



Crews making progress on 08.30.17