



STATE OF THE CITY

MOUNT PLEASANT, TENNESSEE

Departmental Reports - July 2023

City officials and representatives from the United States Department of Agriculture - Rural Development (USDA-RD) toured the construction of the new sewer plant.

From left to right below are: Vance Hamilton, Area Specialist from USDA-RD, City Mayor Bill White, Tennessee State Director of USDA-RD, Arlisa Armstrong, Kate Collier, City Manager, Shiprah Cox, Finance Director, Willie Alderson, City Commissioner and Ted Howell, Utilities Director.

This \$9 million dollar project grew to a \$16 million project once it was bid out. Fortunately for the City, USDA was able to come back with an additional \$4.5 additional grant money and the City committed American Rescue Plan (ARP) money as well as some cash in the construction account to make sure the project does get completed. The new sewer plant is expected to be complete in 2024 with additional capacity available for the City. The overall sewer projects included the new plant, some demolition of old equipment, a new pump directing rain water back to the plant, fixing the main trunk line by encapsulating the 18" line, new head works at the plant and finally addressing the Rainey Street sewer line over the creek. Once each of these projects have been completed the City should no longer be under a Consent Order from the State of Tennessee. As stated previously, this should all be completed in 2024.

Upcoming Events

7/04/23
*Independence Day
City Hall Closed*

7/11/23 - 6 PM
*Planning Commission
Meeting*

07/13/23 - 6 PM
*Commission
Study Session*

07/18/23 - 6 PM
Commission Meeting



Downtown Revitalization Stalled

The City of Mount Pleasant bid out the downtown street scape project and opened bids in May. The engineers estimate for the project was right at \$3 million. Unfortunately, the bids came in over \$6 million and the City Commission had no choice but to reject the bid. There was only one bid submitted. The City can request additional grant funds from the State but there would not be sufficient funds to cover such a large gap.

So, “Plan B” is to rebid the project. The City has to wait for the State to concur with the bid rejection but once we have that, the City will bid it out again. When the bid is out the city plans to reach out to local contractors requesting them to take a look at the project and if possible, please submit a bid. Contractors are so busy these days they may not be looking for projects. Hopefully, when we reach out and encourage contractors to bid, we will have a few bids to consider. Contractors have to be on the State list of approved contractors so that has to be taken into consideration too.

This project is about ten years in the making and is critical to our downtown square. We remain hopeful that we can get this project started this summer. Stay tuned.....

Sewer Plant Update

The work at the sewer plant continues to move swiftly with lots of progress made. The overall plan is for the facility to be fully functional and operating in 2024. The new plant, “like new” 18-inch trunkline, new head works and the Rainey Street new sewer line were all part of a large plan to get the sewer utility in compliance with the State.

For those who were here about 12 years ago remember that the Lagoon System failed and the City has been under a consent order for year to get into compliance with our sewer system. The State even issued a moratorium on building for a few years. The city is way beyond those days and by late 2024 should be out from the consent order. This has been a long, very expensive project but the City had no choice to get all of these issues in order. We will be able to grow in the way we want to into the future.

				
Mayor Bill White (931) 379-3762	Vice Mayor Jacqueline Grandberry (931) 334-1691	Commissioner Willie Alderson (931) 398-8383	Commissioner Mike Davis (931) 698-6581	Commissioner Pam Johnston (931) 334-8014

PARKS & RECREATION

ALYSHIA BUSBY

June showed up hot and humid and a day at the Splash Pad is just the way to beat the heat! From our Boy's and Girl's Club to our local day care, we have had a lot of smiling faces and families use our pad so far this summer! One of our local Churches, kicked off their VBS week with a day at the Splash Pad! We would love for you to come and spend the day here at the splash pad, bring your lunch, plan a birthday party, bring your friends and some cash and you might get lucky and Real Ice will be set up in the parking lot! The guys here at the City are working hard to keep it up and running for all to use!



The City's Second Annual Juneteenth Celebration took place at Gardenia Park! A celebration started on Friday with a 80's themed

party at the park and ran through Monday June 19th, where the City sponsored a Wet and Wild Water Day! The kids loved the water slide and the water balloons where a hit! Free Hot dogs and Cool Pops where just the thing to complete the day!

The rain wanted to move in on us cutting our time short to make sure everyone was safe but the day was awesome none the less.

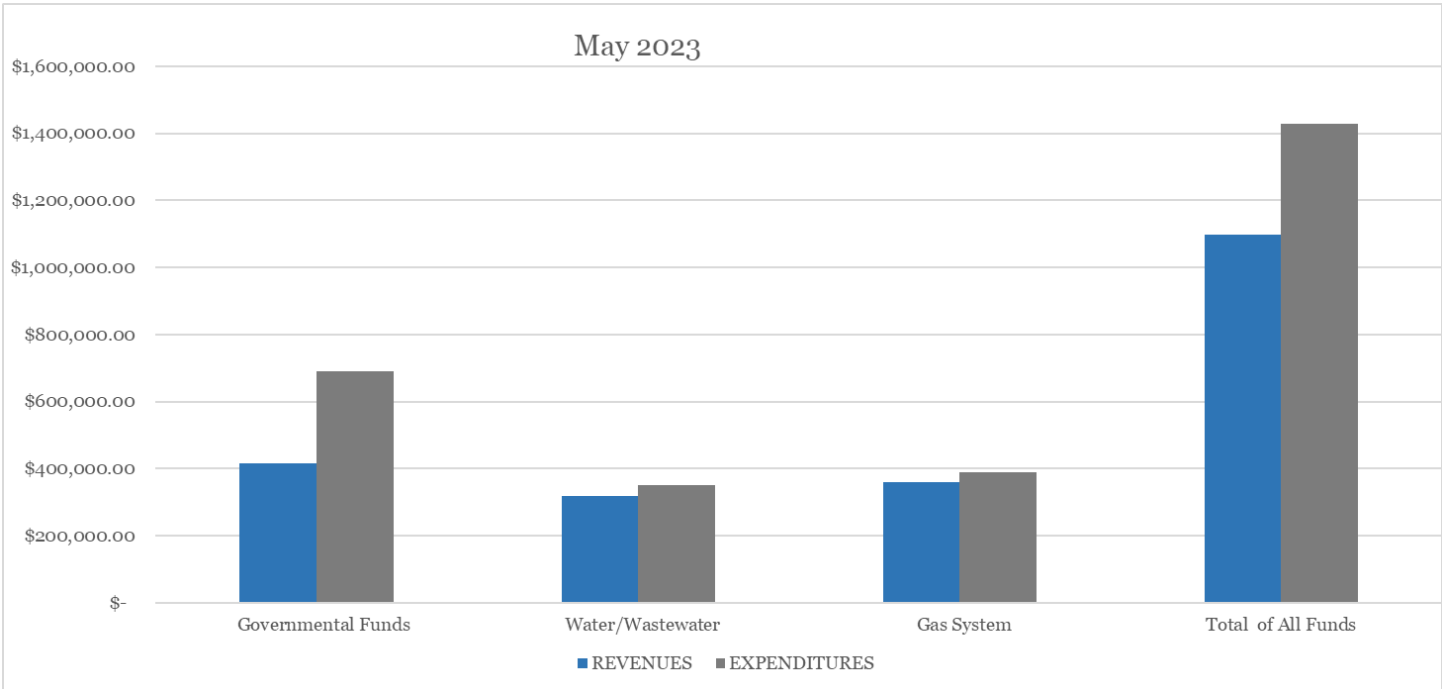
The Mount Pleasant Parks and Rec will be hosting a second Water Day at the Splash Pad coming up July 15th. We will have free hot dogs and Cool Pops, so make plans to come and enjoy the day with us! We look forward to se you all!

FINANCE

SHIPRAH COX

During the month of May the City had its first reading for the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget. The second readings & final approval will be done in the month of June. There is no property tax increase in next years proposal as of May.

Cash in checking and certificates of deposit in the general fund total \$2,587,394. The Water Fund has operating funds, including savings and certificates of deposit totaling \$1,312,319. The water/wastewater construction funds account has a balance of \$1,876,207, ARPA funds of \$1,473,809 and customer deposits regular & savings in the amount of \$596,106. The gas fund has operating funds, including savings and certificates of deposit totaling \$5,215,068. The customer deposits in gas total \$674,432.



The City of Mount Pleasant now has an E-Bill Program.

This program will allow our water, wastewater, gas, and sanitation customers to have their monthly bill sent via email, replacing the monthly postcard you receive now.

Visit the city’s website to sign up for this service.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

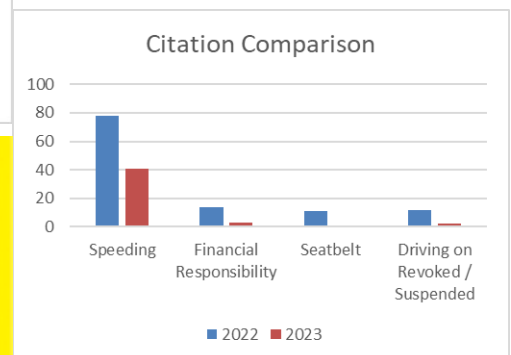
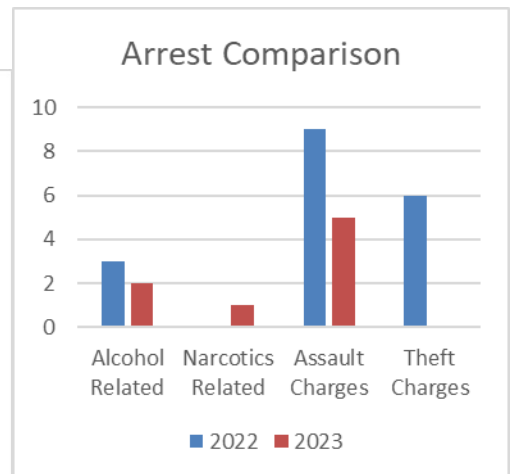
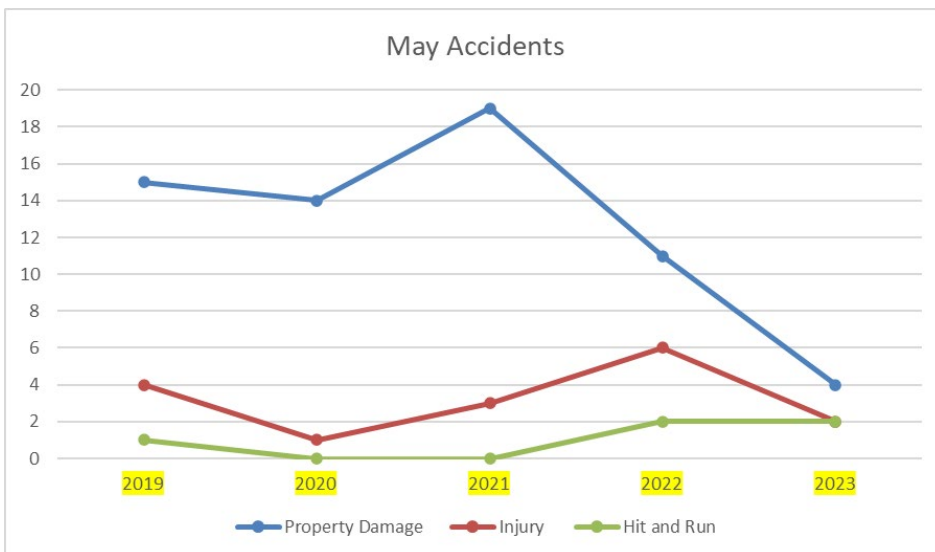
MICHAEL HAY

The first graders from the Mount Pleasant Elementary School visited City Hall during a field trip to downtown Mount Pleasant. The children got to see some of the equipment we use daily in our jobs. The children got to see what the equipment can do and ask questions. We always enjoy getting to see the children. We want to thank the parents and the teachers for making the field trip possible.

Officers issued a juvenile petition to a juvenile for having a weapon at the community center and juvenile was ordered to leave. Weapons are prohibited at any city building. Below is an excerpt of T.C.A. Code § 39-17-1302: “(a) It is an offense for any person to possess or carry, whether openly or concealed, with the intent to go armed, any weapon prohibited by § 39-17-1302 (a), not used solely for instructional, display or sanctioned ceremonial purposes, in or on the grounds of any public park, playground, civic center or other building facility, area or property owned, used or operated by any municipal, county or state government, or instrumentality thereof, for recreational purposes.”

We had a report of a disturbance at a residence and the suspect fire shots into the house. The suspect was captured on the resident’s security camera. The suspect has been identified and a warrant has been issued. Sergeant Gray, Officer Lovett, and Officer Beach did a good job in this case.

The officers responded to a trespassing call and when the officers arrived the suspect fled on foot. After a short foot pursuit, suspect was arrested without incident. Sergeant Koger and Officer England did a good job in apprehending the suspect. Officer England was able to recover a stolen vehicle and return it to the family it belonged to.



PLANNING DEPARTMENT

CHRIS BROOKS

Work on the new Fire Station on Bond Street continues on schedule. This new Fire Station will be a great addition to the community and hopefully reduce response times of our fire department.

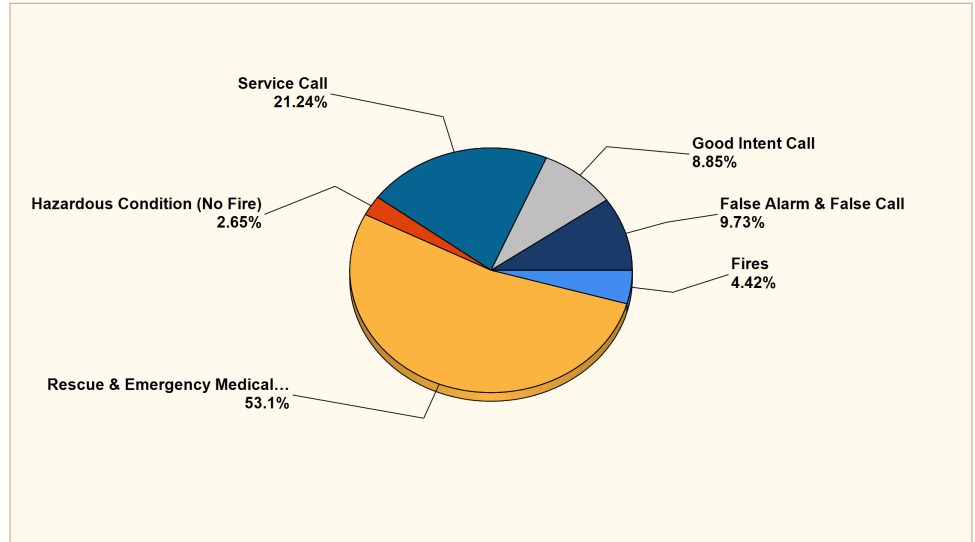


FIRE DEPARTMENT

PHILLIP GROOMS

The Mount Pleasant Fire Department (MPFD) responded to a total of (113) calls for service. Calls for service included: five (5) fires; sixty (60) emergency medical responses; three (3) hazardous conditions; thirty-four (34) public service and good intent calls; and eleven (11) false alarms: seven (7) burn permits were issued in the city.

Community risk reduction activities included fifteen (15) fire inspections at local business and industry. In addition, firefighters installed (14) smoke alarms in residential homes.



MPFD participated in training offered by Maury County Office of Emergency Management and TRANSCAER (Transportation Community Awareness and Emergency Response) The organization has focused on assisting communities and training emergency responders to prepare for and respond to hazardous material transportation incidents. The training objectives focused on railroad emergency and response tactics.

Congratulations!



Meet our two newest full-time Firefighters Sean Kelly and Brian Finn.

Firefighter Sean Kelly, is certified by the Tennessee Firefighting Commission as Firefighter I, II. In addition, is working toward licensure as Emergency Medical Responder (EMR). Firefighter Kelly is assigned to A-Shift.

Firefighter Brian Finn, is certified by the Tennessee Firefighting Commission as Firefighter I, II. In addition, is licensed as Emergency Medical Responder (EMR). Firefighter Finn is assigned to C-Shift.



STREETS

TED HOWELL

Municipal Solid Waste
229.78 Tons

Aluminum Recycled
N/A

Bulky Brush Pickup
Call: (931) 325-5701



Potholes Repaired

Haylong Avenue
Locust Street
Wall Street
Scott Town Road
Goodloe Street

UTILITIES

TED HOWELL

Wastewater Plant/Lagoons

Plant May 2023 - 19.05 MG Plant May 2022 - 12.64 MG
Rain May 2023 - 6.73 inches Rain May 2022 - 6.46 inches

Lagoons

Upper Lagoon (55%)
Bottom Lagoon (30%)

Water Treated / Water Sold

Water Treated May 2023 - 41.47 MG
Water Sold May 2023 - 20.18 MG
Water Treated May 2022 - 40.17 MG
Water Sold May 2022 - 16.24 MG

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48.66%

40.42%

Tennessee One Calls
May 2023 -95



Utility Distribution System

Water Leaks Repaired (04)
Water Meter Changes (07)
Gas Meter Changes (06)

Spray Field - 15.47 MG

HUMAN RESOURCES

LAYTOYA ALDERSON

The City of Mount Pleasant employs 77 Full-time and 16 part-time employees. The City had no worker comp claims and no property damage claims for the month of June.

We are happy to present the following employees whose employment anniversaries were in June.

Brian Finn (Fire Department) 1 year
April Toombs (Dispatch Department) 2 years
Ronda Ussery (Police Department) 8 years



July Birthdays

Thomas Roberts
Alyshia Busby
David Smith
Keith Jennings

Thanks to all of our City employees for making the Mount Pleasant a better place to live, work, and play.