

Mayor's Minute-Nov. 6, 2025

It has been a minute! There have been lots of plans and events going on and I haven't kept up with keeping you all up to date! The month of October has been busy. We have hired a new police officer, Officer Micheal Gnudi. We are glad to welcome him on board! He will start when his documentation is completed.

We have also scheduled standing committee meetings on the first and third Mondays of the month. On the first Monday of the month, the Police, Parks, and Insurance Committees will meet. On the third Monday of the month, the Public Works, Ordinance, Labor, and Economic Development committees will meet. The public is invited and welcome to observe these meetings if you wish. There may be other committee meetings scheduled from time to time as needed and those will be posted at City Hall and on the website. Of course, you are also welcome to observe the Regular Council meeting on the third Wednesday of the month.

We had a Special Meeting to approve the Audit for FY 2025 and again, the auditors had no "findings." This means that our books and processes are sufficient and transparent. Thank you for all the hard work, Chris, Lisa, and Mark! We appreciate you.

We had a number of events scheduled for October this year. We had well-attended Trunk or Treat events for several groups, the annual Trick or Treat evenings, a Halloween Parade, and the Nightmare at the Resi. The movie at the Resi was unfortunately rained out, but keep an eye out here for an announcement of the rescheduled date for this community event. Even with rain, the Parade had a good turn out! Thanks for everyone who participated. Let's make this an annual event.

Another event that bears mention is the Honor Flight for one of our veterans, Mr. John Renfrow. Mr. Renfrow, a Specialist 4 during Vietnam, was given a dinner and flown by the military to Washington D.C. for a tour of the Monuments. We are proud of our veterans and we thank you all for your service.

I am sure you have all heard about the government shut down this month and it has reached us here in Bunker Hill. Funding for the Alluvial project has been temporarily frozen for the time being and there are delays that have occurred in obtaining some needed property to move forward with construction of the water treatment plant. Bunker Hill plans to provide some much needed "bridge funding" to allow the project to continue to move forward. It is imperative to keep this project going which will not only give Bunker Hill, but the entire Macoupin/Jersey County area control over our water supply. Alluvial will be able to directly ensure quality water and control prices for this utility.

The City has also been moving forward with planning projects for park development, TIF application forms and assistance, city planning and several other projects. We have contracted with several different companies for projects that will facilitate grant funding and city development in tangible ways in the next several years. If you are interested in learning more, please contact the City Clerk, Heather Kraus, and find out ways that you can contribute to growing Bunker Hill.

I am looking forward to updating you further, next time. John Chapman, Mayor