

July 4, 2019

I hope everyone had a fun and safe 4th of July celebration. I know I did. I enjoyed the fireworks, but too much good food. I am always amazed at the quality of the fireworks for our little town. Again, they out did themselves and again no one got hurt.

As I drove around town the American spirit was everywhere. Numerous back yard picnics were in full swing around town. The Park was full of people enjoying the games and food. The people thinned out after 1pm but by 8pm they were back getting places to watch the fireworks. I especially want to thank the firefighters as they drove the engines and walked the parade route handing out candy and interacting with the people along the route. Many told me it was one of the best parades they could remember. The parade organizers can be very proud of their efforts. These volunteers never receive enough praise.

I received numerous compliments on how the Park was decorated and the improvements that have been made. I want to thank Heidi, Jill, Christy and their volunteers for the effort that was put into the painting, cleaning and fixing up that was accomplished by their groups. It is a hard task organizing any group and they accomplished many projects. We are already planning next year's projects to continue updating and sprucing up the Park. If you have a project you would like to have considered for next spring drop by and see me or send me an email and we can evaluate the project and set up a priority list. Remember just because your project does not get funded this year does not mean we will not get to it. It takes time and money.

The City just completed three more irrigation lines at the cemetery. This project was paid for from the surplus property sale we held this last spring. The revenue from that sale was put right back into the cemetery. We will continue replacing sections as the budget allows. Once completed we should be able to improve the grass and keep the cemetery looking sharp. I also want to replace the damaged portions of the fence at the south side of the cemetery. There are many damaged sections and it is time to upgrade and fix the fence.

We are about to the time of year where we all head to the fair. I understand from the Fair Manager that they are looking forward to this year's activities and that they have some great entertainment planned. Please take some time to go enjoy it. Sammy and I look forward to this each year. We enjoy all the fair activities, but you will find us at the FFA/4H arenas watching our youth show off their animals. Come and join the fun.

It is hard to believe it is July already. Take some time out from your busy lives and enjoy this great state. It is truly the greatest State in the Union.

Happy Birthday America!

Monty