

Munfordville City Council

New Mayor,  
Councilmember



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**Munfordville City Council recently appointed a new Council member to replace Ricky Line, who now serves as Mayor.**

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The Munfordville City Council met in regular session on Monday, February 10. In attendance were Councilmembers Kassie Eldridge, Jeremy Atwell, and Tara Wilson, as well as Ricky Line.

The City Council approved Austin Grant as the new council member for Munfordville, who was subsequently sworn in. He takes the place of Ricky Line, who now serves as Mayor of Munfordville.

There were no citizen concerns.

Zoning Administrator Fran Bowsher reported that once zoning board members were in place, they would hold their first meeting.

**Old Business**  
The National Turnpike property as well the 601 Main Street property are in the court system and are moving toward being sold (separately) at the courthouse steps.

For Public Works, Patrick Stinson reported that approximately 200 out of 650 water meters have been installed.

In the tourism update, Aaron Jagers explained that the foul ball fences at the sports complex will be up by the end of February. The Sports Complex Committee will meet over the coming weeks to hire a manager for the ballpark.

**New Business**  
HVAC at City Hall

will be completed for \$22,935.

“This was not planned, but it is a must,” said Line, explaining the HVAC at City Hall went out the previous week.

Regarding the repaving of Quality Street through the Department of Transportation, Line explained it would be of no cost to the city.

“It not only helps the school system, it helps the Waste Management with their trucks,” said Line. “It does not cost us anything. Joe Choate has secured it to help both. We have to agree, since it’s in the city limits to let them do it at no cost to us...This is a bonus. That’s a road we do not have to pave.”

Line also explained that the next street to be paved will likely be Harlan Street, near the old depot. There is \$110,000 in the road budget, and Line estimated it would cost between \$60,000-\$70,000 to pave Harlan.

“This was listed as a need last year that we didn’t have enough money to finish,” explained Line.

The Council heard the first reading of a change to the council meeting time. The time would change from the second Monday each month at 6 p.m. to the second Monday each month at 4:30 pm. A second reading is necessary before it will officially change.

Sarah Hileman,

educator with the HCHS foreign language club, requested to build and create a book share box to place in the city. Through Councilmember Atwell, she requested permission to place the box somewhere in Stovall Park or perhaps in town. The council approved.

The Fire Report, which included 28 runs for the month of January, was not discussed in the meeting but was provided in the Council members’ packets, as was the Cemetary Report.

In the Water Report, the council was briefed of an ongoing issue with sewer, as well as the \$750 equipment need for clean up.

There was no report for Code Enforcement.

In the Police Report, Chief Riggs gave an update of cruisers and announced that Blake Thompson will graduate from the police academy on March 13.

“It will be full force,” said Riggs. “All shifts will be covered following that.”

The next meeting of the Munfordville City Council will be held on Tuesday, March 18 at 6 p.m.

The Council went into closed session to discuss a personnel matter.

Men Sentenced for  
Fentanyl Trafficking  
and Firearm Offenses

Last week, two Kentucky men were sentenced for trafficking in fentanyl and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

U.S. Attorney Michael A. Bennett of the Western District of Kentucky, Acting Special Agent in A.J. Gibes of the ATF Louisville Field Division, Commissioner Phillip Burnett, Jr. of the Kentucky State Police, and Ron Eckart of the Greater Hardin County Narcotics Task Force made the announcement.

According to court documents, Dominik Woods, age 23 of Bonnieville, Kentucky, was sentenced to 5 years in prison, followed by 4 years of supervised release, for one count of conspiracy to distribute more than 40 grams of fentanyl and one count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Woods was prohibited from possessing a firearm because he had previously been convicted of the following felony offense:

On April 9, 2020, in Hardin Circuit Court, Woods was convicted of enhanced trafficking in marijuana, less than 8 ounces, and tampering with physical evidence.

Joshua Sanders, age 36 of Cave City, Kentucky was sentenced to 2 years and 9 months in prison, followed by 3 years of supervised release, for one count



▲ **Dominik Woods and Joshua Sanders**

of conspiracy to distribute fentanyl and one count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Sanders was prohibited from possessing a firearm because he had previously been convicted of the following felony offenses:

On June 18, 2009, in Hart Circuit Court, Sanders was convicted of receiving stolen property, firearm.

On March 29, 2010, in Barren Circuit Court, Sanders was convicted of burglary, second degree, and theft by unlawful taking.

On December 22, 2010, in Hart Circuit Court, Sanders was convicted of burglary, second degree, and receiving stolen property over \$300.

On January 10, 2018, in Larue Circuit Court, Sanders was convicted of receiving stolen property under \$10,000 and possession of controlled substances.

On January 15, 2019, in Warren Circuit Court, Sanders was convicted of fleeing or evading police, first degree.

On May 16, 2019, in

Barren Circuit Court, Sanders was convicted of fleeing or evading police, first degree.

There is no parole in the federal system.

This case was investigated by the ATF, the KSP, and the Greater Hardin County Narcotics Task Force.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Joe Ansari prosecuted the case.

This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), a program bringing together all levels of law enforcement and the communities they serve to reduce violent crime and gun violence, and to make our neighborhoods safer for everyone. On May 26, 2021, the Department launched a violent crime reduction strategy strengthening PSN based on these core principles: fostering trust and legitimacy in our communities, supporting community-based organizations that help prevent violence from occurring in the first place, setting focused and strategic enforcement priorities, and measuring the results.

KSP Investigates Fatal  
Collision in Hart County

At just before 10 a.m. on February 15, the Kentucky State Police Post 03 Bowling Green received a call about a single-vehicle collision.

Troopers arrived on the scene on Interstate 65 at the 54.9-mile marker.

A preliminary investigation indicated

that a 2014 Dodge Ram 1500 operated by William Rutledge, age 59 of Etoile, was traveling northbound on Interstate 65. Rutledge’s vehicle went off the roadway to the right, causing the vehicle to overturn.

Rutledge was pronounced deceased

at the scene by the Hart County Coroner.

The investigation is ongoing and will be led by Trooper Mason Roten.

He was assisted at the scene by the Hart County Sheriff’s Office, Hart County EMS, Hart County Fire Department, and other KSP personnel.

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