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THREE PROVIDENCE FIREFIGHTERS were recognized at Monday night's Providence City County meeting for the lifesaving measures they took on May 3, to save the life of a Providence woman. According to Fire Chief Cameron Brown, Jacob Springer, Greg Bland and Austin Downs pictured above from left to right with Chief Brown responded to a call about a 73-year old female in respiratory distress. The trio began measures to resuscitate the individual and in doing so saved her life. Brown presented each of the firefighters with a Life Saver Award from the department.

Providence Council Hears Project Updates

Providence Mayor Tom Glover delivered some good news to the council and the community Monday night, reporting that in August he believes bids for two city projects will be announced. Glover noted that the money for the city's interconnect project with the Webster County Water District will become available and that project can commence. The mayor also anticipates that bidding for the city's \$14 million waste water plant project is also anticipated to start in August.

The interconnect project which is planned for the Green Grove area comes after the city experienced water loss in the summer of 2025, leaving residents without water services for several days. With the interconnect, should a service failure occur, the city could pull water through the WCWD.

The waste water plant project has been many years in the making with the present and at least two past administrations working to secure infrastructure funding to replace old and worn out equipment and lines and put the city in compliance with state regulations.

Council members also approved a resolution that will allow police chief Ray Agent to apply for a COPS grant. If the city is successful in securing that grant the police department will be able to fund the hiring of career police officers. The grant will pay for three of four years of service with the city picking up the pay for one year.

Reports from three department heads were also presented during Monday night's meeting.

Cameron Shelton provided the police report which reflects 171 calls for service during June. The department also conducted 77 traffic stops; wrote 34 citations; made ten EMS/Fire assists, investigated four accidents in addition to other activity.

In his report, Travis Turner told the council that city employees have been busy mowing. He also noted that he has ordered additional trash cans for solid waste customers. All of the first round of trash cans have been distributed to customers and a record of their locations is on file with the city. Glover reminded trash pick-up customers that each customer is allotted one can with a second 94-gallon container available for half the cost of the first. The city is working to alleviate customer placing bags, boxes and other trash on curbs, asking instead that all trash be placed in containers. The city's new truck has an arm that can pick u and dump the cans making the service more expedient when customers adhere to the established protocol for trash pickup.

Fire Chief Cameron Brown reported 62 EMS runs and six fire runs in June, but he also recognized three fire fighters who saved the life of an older residents in May. According to Brown firefighters Jacob Springer, Greg Bland and Austin Downs responded to a call concerning a 73-year old female who was having respiratory distress; their quick action resulted in their resuscitating the individual. The trio were presented with certificates of merit for their ac-

tions during that incident.

The only other business to come before the council was a presentation by Phillip Halsrud who provided each council member with a "written de-escalation policy" he has written for the city. During his comments and presentation, Halsrud made a number of open records requests regarding use of police officer body cameras, fax number for city agencies and other things he called "compliance issues."

Following Halsrud's appearance before the council, Glover announced that the city has two new businesses for which ribbon cuttings were held recently. Mama J's is a new restaurant at Cole Plaza and The Turn is a new restaurant that has opened at the golf course club house. The mayor asked that the community support both businesses.

In other business, the mayor appointed Doug Hammers and Nancy Oldham to the city tourism committee. The council approved the appointments. Glover also commended the city's tourism efforts noting that both the swimming pool and the golf course have been extremely busy.

Other reports included an update on the city lake which is about 11 feet below expectations. The city is pulling water from the Tradewater to the plant during daytime hours and putting water into the lake at night, Glover said. He added that the state is monitoring the situation which is going well.

With no public appeals, the meeting adjourned at 6:26 Monday evening.

Driver Licensing Event Scheduled In Webster County

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) is taking driver licensing to the next level by offering modern, secure services and more options to handle your licensing needs than ever before. The Popup Driver Licensing Program is a traveling service that brings all the services offered in Driver Licensing Regional Offices to local communities that don't have a regional office.

The next popup program in Wester County is planned for July 28 at Webster County Public Library, 101 KY 132 in Dixon from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM, with a scheduled lunch break from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM.

Those interested in renewing their license may register at drive.ky.gov. Vision screening is now required.

* Experience all the benefits of a Driver Licensing Regional Office at a Popup Event, like:

- Upgrade to a REAL ID license
- Complete a renewal vision screening at no cost
- Request an 8-year license if you are due to renew
- Update your name or address

Renew your CDL?? ?

Popup events are reserved for residents of the county where they are hosted.

Registration opens two weeks before the event date.

Appointments are offered on a first-come, first-served basis and must be made online. Appointment holders will be sent a confirmation email and text message immediately. Additionally, appointment holders will receive a reminder email/text message four days before the event. If an appointment holder cannot attend, please cancel the appointment. This will make the appointment available to others.

Popup staff will email or phone all appointment holders before each event. It is essential that appointment holders respond to staff when they receive calls or emails. Staff will confirm appointments, answer any questions, and ensure each customer has the proper documents to receive service at a Popup event.

While Popup events are by appointment only, staff may be able to take a limited number of walk-ins at each event; however, there is no guarantee. Residents who wish to walk in at a Popup event should plan to arrive no earlier than 9 a.m. Upon arrival, staff will let you know if walk-in service is available and provide an estimated wait time.

For any questions regarding popup events, please email the KYTC Popup Event team at KYTC.DDLPopupEvents@ky.gov.

Farm, City Tour Held Last Friday

About 50 county farmers, business people and community leaders attended Friday's Farm City Tour hosted by the Webster County Extension Service. The event featured a visit to Pioneer Plastics, a drone demonstration and a visit to an equine operation.

The first stop for attendees was Pioneer Plastics, a Dixon company that produces a variety of molded plastic items including display boxes, plastic food

containers, trays and many products for specific businesses like Piz-za Hut, Hobby Lobby, Long John Silver, Panera Bread, and Chili's. Eddie Knabb, who over sees the six-time STAR award winning company, showed guest a variety of products created and molded at the Dixon based company.

Guests walked through the plant which included four separate building filled with risen based products,

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Clay City Council Meets In Short Session; Awards Bid For Crumb Rubber

The Clay City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 14 with Mayor Jackie Edens presiding and five council members present. Also attending were City Clerk Christy Freeman and City Attorney Wil Cox.

Cox, who practices in Madisonville, Kentucky, was introduced by Mayor Edens. He replaces Rebecca Johnson who resigned several months ago. Cox serves as the attorney of record for several communities in

Western Kentucky. He is also a former city council member and mayor of Madisonville. Last Tuesday was his first meeting as the city attorney for Clay.

Following approval of the minutes from the June meeting, the bills and claims, and the clerk's report, council members conducted a short business session.

Members approved a bid for the installation of crumb rubber at the city park.

Three bids were received, according to Ms. Freeman. Those bidders were Playground Solutions with a bid of \$91,300; Pro Playgrounds with a bid of \$108,199; and Miracle of Kentucky and Tennessee with a bid of \$78,850.

Council members voted to accept the low bid for that project, which is being funded with a 75/25 matching grant. The Clay Tourism Board will pay the 25%

match for the work, which according to the city clerk, will be just under \$15,000. The project is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

The monthly fire report showed members of the Clay Volunteer Fire Department responded to four incidents in June. Members of the Clay Rescue Squad responded to five incidents in June.

The only other business to come before the council was a concern about the

need for spraying or mowing the weedy areas in ditches around the community. Mayor Edens told council he will contact the county road department for help with equipment to get that work done.

No further business came before the council, and the meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

The next regular meeting of Clay City Council will be Tuesday, August 11, 6:00 P.M.