

Edmundson Newsletter

February 2023

Mayor's Office

John Gwaltney, Mayor

I have the sad occasion to announce to you that one of our team has passed away. Lieutenant Russell Poole was only 45 years old last Thursday when his wife went to wake him and found that he had died sometime in the night. Lt. Poole had come up through the ranks of our Police Department from patrolman to lieutenant. He will be greatly missed. I think that in the dictionary, beside the words, "Good Policeman", is a picture of Russell. Besides being a good officer, Russell was a good person that has been a help and good friend to many of us in Edmundson. Lt. Poole's funeral will be held this Saturday the 4th @ Kutis Funeral Home on Lemay Ferry Rd. At the conclusion of services, the procession will circle through Edmundson for anyone that wishes to show their respects but unable to attend the funeral. The procession should reach Edmundson about 3:30 – 3:45PM. The city's sympathy goes out to Russ's fellow officers, fellow employees, and to his family. My prayer is for the Lord to comfort Russ's family during this difficult time as only He can.

As always, the month of January is a busy time at city hall setting up the schedule for the new year. The park event dates have been set and bands secured all the way through this year, including the holiday lighting in December. The first park event will be the Easter Egg hunt on April 1st. There will be more information on each event as time comes closer, both here in the city newsletter and on the new digital sign at the corner of Edmundson Road and Mortimer Lane.

New things happening this year will be a culmination of work done in the past few years. Sixteen years ago, we remodeled the public works building to a shared space with the police department, and moved the Police out of the basement of the city hall into what was, at that time, a state-of-the-art facility.

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Aldermen's Corner

Roy Rice, Ward 2

Celebrate Black History Month by reading a passage of Whitney Young, honoring the contribution of those who created much.

It has been a sobering moment for some of us losing someone who touched our lives in many ways. You really don't realize the impact of others, until they are no longer here. They listen, give an opinion, let you decide. Such was #438 Lt. Russell Poole. "My Birthday Month Brother".

As a community, we mourn our loss and send comfort and blessings to the family and others.

Happy Valentine's Day and Thank You for the wishes of well-being for my Mom!

As always, my door is always open.
314-541-3272. ♦

Paul Zerbe, Ward 1

My family and I extend our deepest condolences to Lt. Poole's family, friends and the Edmundson Police Department for their recent loss. Lt. Poole was a valuable asset to the community and will be greatly missed. We wish you peace, comfort, courage and love at this time of sorrow. Know that you have my full support in every moment. ♦

Randy VonBokel, Ward 2

Just A Reminder: Bring Them In!!

Edmundson is a great little fourth-class city. We don't have to pay for our trash and recyclable pick-up. Some communities do.

Just a reminder to all of us: We shouldn't leave our empty trash and recyclable cans by the curb. Rather, we need to move them behind our property line. ♦

Now, by state law, the police department is required to be updated again, and to do so they need more space. To provide the PD with more space we are building a new public works facility, and remodeling the old PW building into a facility to accommodate the needs of the PD. If all goes as planned, you should see all that work completed this year.

I am writing this on the last day of January, so I have no idea what the ground hog is going to do, but it doesn't matter because if he sees his shadow or not, Spring is just 8 weeks away on March 20th ---- So, what does that mean? It means that now is the time to be planning and preparing for those outdoor projects. What flowers are we going to plant this year, what needs painting, etc. etc.? So far, this has been a fairly tame winter. No below zero temperatures, and only small amounts of snow and ice, but I am looking forward to the green leaves and song birds.

I want to wish everyone a happy St. Valentine's Day. What a wonderful holiday to celebrate. It's all about love and you can never have too much love. Plus, it keeps all the florist and chocolate makers in business, and I'm sure they love that.

Thought to ponder: If you scatter thorns, don't go barefoot. – Be a good neighbor. ♦

**City Hall will be closed in observance of President's Day
February 20th**

Trash & recycling will be on regular schedule.

**Future Board Meetings:
February 9th & March 9th**

**Don't forget to thank the
Public Works Department for
working around the clock to keep
our streets cleared!**

Edmundson Information:

City Hall – City Clerk	314-428-7125 x 116
Public Works	314-428-7125 x 118
Police Department	314-428-4577
Police Dispatch	314-427-8000
Municipal Court	314-428-6811 x 5
Community Fire	314-428-1128
Republic Service (Trash)	636-947-5959

To leave a message for the Mayor or Alderman:

Mayor John Gwaltney	314-428-7125 x 121
Alderman Adele Crown	314-428-7125 x 125
Alderman Randy VonBokel	314-428-7125 x 122
Alderman Roy Rice	314-428-7125 x 123
Alderman Paul Zerbe	314-428-7125 x 124

**WINTER REMINDER:
DO NOT PARK ON STREETS
WHEN SNOW OR ICE IS
FORECASTED; OR
VEHICLES WILL BE
TICKETED**

Reminder Sewer Lateral Program

The City of Edmundson residents participate in a Sewer Lateral Repair Program and each homeowner pays annually on their St. Louis County real estate tax bill. This money is collected and deposited into a separate fund for Edmundson residents only. St. Louis County Public Works Department is the administrator of this program. Information on the sewer lateral program can be obtained by calling the St. Louis County Public Works Department at (314) 615-8427.

Happy Valentine's Day!!

**Who Always has a date on
Valentine's Day?**

A Calendar ☺ ☺

SEMI-ANNUAL NOTICE OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
CITY OF EDMUNDSON, MISSOURI

Pursuant to Section 79.160 RSMo, the Board of Aldermen hereby sets forth the receipts and expenditures for its general fund and special funds for the time period July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. It should be noted that, during this same time period, the City had no indebtedness.

Receipts for the General Fund for the 6-month reporting period: \$ 998,864

Expenditures for the General Fund for the 6-month reporting period: \$1,014,207

Receipts for Special Funds:

1. Capital Improvement Fund for the 6-month reporting period: \$ 198,359

2. Park & Storm Water Fund for the 6-month reporting period: \$ 264,967

3. Economic Development Fund for the 6-month reporting period: \$ 234,402

4. Sewer Lateral Fund for the 6-month reporting period: \$ 8,265

Expenditures for Special Funds:

1. Capital Improvement Fund for the 6-month reporting period: \$ 69,426

2. Park & Storm Water Fund for the 6-month reporting period: \$ 186,429

3. Economic Development Fund for the 6-month reporting period: \$ 69,825

4. Sewer Lateral Fund for the 6-month reporting period: \$ 8,569

A complete copy of current Financial Statements for the City of Edmundson may be obtained by making a request for same to the City Clerk, 4440 Holman Lane, Edmundson, Missouri 63134.

Ronda Phelps, City Clerk
City of Edmundson
1/25/2023

April 4th Election

The following residents have filed for candidacy.

Mayor

John Gwaltney (Incumbent)

Ward 1

Adele Crown (Incumbent)

Laura Granderson

Ward 2

Randy VonBokel (Incumbent)

Marlene A. Hoehn

REMINDER: March 8th is the last day to register to vote in this election. You may register at the city hall during regular business hours.

RIP Lieutenant Russell Alan Poole Jr.



Was born on June 7, 1977, to Russell Alan Poole, Sr. and Linda Dianne Poole, nee Thomas in St. Louis, Mo. Russ departed this life on January 26, 2023, at the age of 45. Russ leaves his wife, Lora Utterback Poole, two sons, Colin Matthew Poole and Brendan Michael Poole, his parents, Russ Sr. and Linda, all of the home; In laws, Steve and Debby Utterback of St. Clair, sister-in-law, Amanda Utterback Simpkins (Wayne) of House Springs; brother-in-law, Robert Utterback (Audrey) of Monmouth, Illinois; nieces, Brooklyn Simpkins, Brittany Groaning, Sally Utterback, Penny Utterback; nephew, Braeden Simpkins; uncle, Ronald E. Poole (Jenny) of Cedar Hill, John D. Poole (Linda) of Pocatello, IL; Donna Brown of Worden, IL; and beloved cousins and lifelong friends.

He was preceded in death by two aunts, Connie Wood of Sedalia, MO and Carolyn Stapleton of Arizona. Following high school graduation from Gateway in St. Louis, Russ furthered his education to become a medical technician. Following graduation, he worked for several years in a pediatrician's office. During this time, he was united in marriage to Lora Elizabeth Utterback on April 25, 2002. While still at the pediatric office, Russ attended the police academy at night, graduating to work as a reserve officer in Cool Valley until he was hired full time on the Edmundson Police Department. For a short time, Russ moved to the Desoto Police Department, but returned to his home department of Edmundson. Russ served as a police officer for 15+ years, 11 of them in the city of Edmundson.

Russ was a devoted husband and father. Russ treasured his family time and loved making memories with his boys. Whatever the endeavor, Russ put forth a carefully executed plan. He was one of quick wit and always responsive to the needs of others.

The family wishes to extend special thanks to Pastor Scott Lohse and the Edmundson Police Department for all their help and support during this time. Russ's memory will live on in all those he touched. Serving as a police officer was Russ's live long dream. He had a wealth of experiences in that role and loved his police family. Memorial donations may be made to Edward Jones for the benefit of a college fund to be established for Colin and Brendan Poole.

Services; Visitation at Kutis South County Chapel (5255 Lemay Ferry) on Sat. February 4th from 10AM until service at 2PM. Then process to The Edmundson Police Department and back to Kutis South County.