

LAFAYETTE NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the monthly newsletter that will be distributed to the citizens of Lafayette in an attempt to keep the citizens as informed as possible of the events of the City.

CITY COUNCIL

At the August 22, 2002 City Council meeting, the Council voted unanimously to approve the bid from TransAmerican for completion of Watershed pH (addresses lead and copper levels), Disinfection and Pump Control Improvements (including a telemetry system). The contract was approved for \$326,795. Construction is expected to begin in mid-September.

The Council decided to present a charter amendment to the voters in November 2002. The proposed changes in the City charter will include: clarifying special council meeting procedures, miscellaneous editorial corrections, deleting obsolete requirements regarding meeting records, clarifying public meeting requirements, deleting obsolete conflict of interest provisions, clarifying city administrator appointment and removal procedures, deleting obsolete fire department levy, and establishing capital improvement expenditure limits.

Council Candidates

The deadline to file for a Council seat in the 2002 General Election was August 27, 2002. There are 3 2-year seats, 3 4-year seats, and the Mayor seat available. 11 people have filed for the seats. The candidates are: Mayor- Lotis Hanks and Richard Jewell, 2-year Council seats- Linda Littleton-Bristol, Bob Cullen, Edwina Meitzen, Marianne Mitchell, Donna Lepley, and Mike Lewis, 4-year Council seats- Joe Giesbers, Gary Filpi, and Ron Ross. The election will be on November 5, 2002.

MEETINGS

City Council meets:
2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall

Planning Commission meets:
1st Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall

WATER UPDATE



The City has been able to get through the summer without having to enforce water restrictions this year. However, consumption this year has increased significantly over last summer's usage. Below is a comparison between this year's usage (city wide) and last year's usage.

June 2001	716,504 cubic ft(cf)
June 2002	801,323 cf

July 2001	699,973 cf
July 2002	1,057,529 cf

August 2001	698,106 cf
August 2002	980,285 cf

Overall, the usage this summer increased about 34% over last summer. It is important to remember to conserve water, especially in the summer, to help ensure an adequate water supply for the community and to avoid restrictions in the future.

Please call City Hall with questions, concerns, or comments- 864-2451.

Enjoy Labor Day!