

PO Box 489, Auxvasse, MO 65231

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## City Signs 5-year Comprehensive Plan w/ Allstate Consultants, LLC

On November 22, 2011, the City of Auxvasse signed a contract with Allstate Consultants, LLC to provide engineering services related to a **5-year Comprehensive Plan for Water, Sewer and Streets**. These services will be provided for an **estimated fee** basis. Allstate Consultants, LLC will complete all of the work for an estimated fee of SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$7,500.00 - \$10,000.00) The proposed 5-year Comprehensive Plan will contain descriptions of the City of Auxvasse's existing

facilities, discuss the City's infrastructure improvement needs, establish proposed budgets, recommend proposed projects and their alternatives, and determine a recommendation of a prioritized 5-year plan of improvements to be made by the City. This plan will be developed by reports and data collected from city records, MDNR record information, information previously completed and surveyed by Allstate Consultants, LLC, and work sessions with the council members of the City of Auxvasse. A city 5-year owner/supervised plan will provide a planning and

capital improvements budgeting tool that can proceed without re-applying to MDNR for every single project. It provides to allow the City to perform projects with their own staff or seasonal staff. The plan will also have projects "shovel ready" for potential funding when available.

There are four (4) phases for the Sanitary System Improvements and there are three (3) phases for the Water System Improvements

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## Sanitary System Improvements

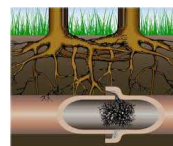
### Phase 1

- \* Burt Pump Station and Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project along Maple Branch and High Street
- \* West Johnson Sanitary Sewer Improvements



### Phase 2

- \* Lagoon Improvements – Transfer Pump Replacements, Control Panel Upgrades, Effluent Structure Evaluation and Repair
- \* Manhole Replacement and Coating
- \* Infiltration and Inflow Improvements



### Phase 3

- \* Short Street Storm Drainage Improvements
- \* Manhole Replacements and Coating
- \* Infiltration and Inflow Improvements

### Phase 4

- \* Manhole Replacement Coating
- \* Infiltration and Inflow Improvements



# Water System Improvements

## Phase 1

- \* New Well and Well Facility
- \* Abandon existing Well Facility on Mary Street
- \* 8" Water Replacement Improvements – New Transmission/Service Main
- \* Roadway Improvements
- \* 6" Waterline Extension across Highway 54

## Phase 2

- \* Proposed 8" Watermain Replacement and Roadway improvements on West Harrison Street
- \* Proposed 6" Watermain Replacement in Alley and West Maple



## Phase 3

- \* Proposed 8" Watermain Replacement and Roadway Improvements on Main Street and South Mary Avenue
- \* Proposed 6" Watermain and Roadway Improvements on Walnut Street



*"Most of the existing water and sewer lines were installed in 1965."*

*"The City's Engineers are looking into all grants and loans available to the city. Right now the city qualifies for a 50/50 grant through Department of Natural Resources if it applies to our project."*



# Bond Election – Proposition

Shall the City of Auxvasse, Missouri, issue its combined waterworks and sewerage system revenue bonds in the amount of up to Five Million Five hundred Thousand Dollars (\$5,500,000.00) for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, extending and improving the City's existing combined waterworks and sewerage system, including the acquisition of real estate and easements related thereto, the cost of the operation and the principal of and interest on said revenue bonds to be payable solely from the revenues derived by the City from the operation of its combined waterworks and sewerage system, including

all future extensions and improvements thereto?

The authorization of the bonds will authorize the City to fix, establish, maintain and collect rates and charges for the services provided by the City through its combined waterworks and sewerage system, including all extensions and improvements thereto hereafter constructed or acquired by the City, in addition to the other rates and charges for such services provided by law, as will produce income and revenues sufficient to provide funds to pay the costs of operation and maintenance of said combined waterworks and

sewerage system and the principal of and interest on the bonds as they become due and to retire the same within thirty-five years from the date thereof, and to provide for the establishment of reasonable reserves therefore.



# Rate Increase for 2012

The City Council has voted to raise the rates on water and sewer once more for the year 2012. In 2011, there was a rate increase which brought in an additional twenty thousand (\$20,000.00) approximately in water and sewer sales each. This has been an ongoing discussion between the Board Members through out the last

several years. They, being citizens of Auxvasse as well, worked at their best to come up with a way to work around not increasing rates. Unfortunately, you can only "patch" water and sewer lines for so many years before needing replaced. More funds have been sinking into patching lines, equipment,

parts, etc. The City is at a point now that if we continue to sink these funds into old projects, we will run completely out of funds and still have nothing fixed.



## Rate Increase continued....

Revenues from the Water and Sewer Rate Increase are only allowed to be budgeted for Water and Sewer. Not only are they going to be used for the beginning of our 5-year Project Plan they will continue to be used for the everyday operation and maintenance, depreciation and replacement, water tower maintenance, water system upgrade, vehicles, equipment repair or replacement, maintenance repairs or replacements and many other items used on a daily basis.

The increases are all based on what is needed in the present and future time within the city. Our goal has been not to increase dramatically, yet enough to at least start building funds to maintain and move forward.

At the current time Auxvasse is operating on one water well system. Part of the project plan is to get second water well in place. With out this, if the only water well system were to go down that we currently have, we would only be able to provide the city with water by connecting to Callaway 2 Water District. That would consist of a four inch water line to provide water to the entire city of Auxvasse leading to extremely low water pressure for all residents.

The plan would include improving the safety and reliability of the public water system and also would increase the fire departments capabilities during times of a fire.

The Inflow and Infiltration of the sewer system – Rain water is not suppose to flow into the sewer lines which it is doing presently. This causes the city to have to treat the rain water and sewer which in return, increases our cost of having to treat the sewer. Most of the sewer lines in the city are the original sewer lines which are made of clay tile. Also, a lot of the manholes are made of brick or block which allow rain water to leak into the manholes. Most of the manholes need to be replaced with precast manholes which are made of concrete.

The transfer pumps and the control panels at the lagoon are originals from when the lagoon was put in. These both need to be replaced due to malfunctioning which in return once again, is a big cost to the city.

*The water and sewer rate increase will appear on your bill that you receive in February of 2012 and will be as follows:*

Water: Base fee - \$11.50 (includes first 1,000 gallons)  
Per 1,000 gallons after - \$6.75  
**(Example: 5,000 water = \$38.50)**

Sewer: Base Fee - \$18.00 (includes first 1,000 gallons)  
Next 9,000 gallons after - \$6.98  
**(Example: 5,000 water = \$45.92)**

## Police Department

The Police Department has been working very hard each year to come in under budget, saving for new police cars. They have finally built enough in their budget to pay cash for a 2009 Ford Crown Victoria and will be leasing a 2012 Dodge Charger over a three year period. The intent is to replace the 2009 Crown Victoria in three years with another new vehicle thus getting the department on a three year rotation. The amount budgeted for 2012 for police vehicles is right under \$20,000.00.

In 2011, total cost between gasoline and vehicle repairs on the police cars estimated approximately \$10,000 with \$6,000 being in vehicle repairs. This year instead of sinking funds into vehicles that aren't worth the upkeep the city will save in cost with the newer vehicles being purchased and leased along with greater gas mileage.

The Dodge Charger that will be leased has a 3 year 36,000 mile bumper to bumper warranty and a 5 year 100,000 mile power train warranty.

The Police Department has been working very hard to keep situations under control in Auxvasse. They did a great job in 2011 and will continue to do a great job in 2012.



## Municipal Election - April

The General Municipal Election will be held on April 3, 2012. If you would like to run for Board of Alderman you will need to come into City Hall in Auxvasse. Opening filing date began December 13, 2011 and the closing filing date is January 17, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

Positions available for election are one – Southward two-year term and one – Northward two-year term. When you come into City Hall you will need to fill out a Declaration of Candidacy and Notice to Candidate Form.

Aldermen oversee the City's best interest including finances, investing, grants, projects and complaints. They meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month as a quorum to discuss matters going on in the city and what can be done to better the city in all ways. Regular Council Meetings are always open to the public. We encourage you to attend so that you may be aware of the functionality of the city itself and what is going on within the city.



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