

November – December 2011- Mayor Report

Oct. 26th -Emergency Management Agency- (EMA) Commission met at JECC, all items were tabled due to lack of a quorum.

Nov. 29th -Regional Trail & Bicycling Committee, (RTBC) Discussion of naming trails within the County that are 12 miles or longer for purposes of marketing to tourists. The 3 trail names recommended were the Iowa River Trail, Clear Creek Trail and Oakdale Trail. A policy was discussed for naming trails. This will go to the TTAC and Urbanized Area Policy Board. ADA rules related to motorized mobility devices on trails was discussed. More research will be done on how to mark signage.

Dec. 6th - Transportation Technical Advisory Committee, (TTAC) The five year long range Transportation Plan was discussed- no recommendations were made. The committee approved the 3 trail names recommended by RTBC for marketing purposes. Amendments to the FY12-15 MPOJC Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 1. Pedestrian bridge and trail from the Iowa River Landing development at Quarry Road across the Iowa River 2. Iowa City Transit purposes to purchase ten (10) Replacement buses, including four(4) light-duty buses and six (6) 40 foot heavy-duty buses. Passed.

Dec. 7th –Emergency Management Agency,(EMA) Commission meeting was held with a quorum present. Gary Albrecht attended to explain that his budget has been lowered to a 5.5% increase. They have also secured the JECC parking lot with parking permits for employee and visitor passes. Dave Wilson reviewed his budget and will publish it in January for public comments.

Next MPOJC Urbanized Area Policy Board meeting is scheduled for Wed. Dec. 14th at NL city hall @4:30

****The city is participating in the First Severson Charity Challenge. Linda Severson was the Human Services Coordinator for the MPO-JC. Linda passed away this past year and in her spirit- the City of Iowa City is challenging other municipalities and entities in JC to have a charity drive in Linda's honor. I have placed boxes in the city office to collect non-perishable food items to be divided between two local charities: Crisis Center and Hope Lodge. The city will collect food items through Jan. 7th.**

Appointments: Anyone interested in serving on the Zoning Commission or Board of Adjustments, please contact me. I would like to have appointments in place by the Jan. 10th council meeting.

I would like to schedule a special meeting of the council the first week of January for a 2012-2013 council orientation. Council please review your calendars for Jan. 4, 5 or 9th for a one hour meeting at city hall. Steve Ballard will swear in the council and mayor at that time.

I also will be contacting 2012-2013 council members for council assignments in the next few weeks.

Special Thanks to council members: Stan Laverman and Pat Yeggy for their years of service to the City.