

State of the City  
January 8, 2008

Departmental improvements highlighted this past year for the City of Nauvoo. In April the bids were opened for the required water plant improvements and in August ground was broken. Leander Construction was awarded the \$2 million project and is running right online for meeting the projected completion date. Our water department was also recognized by the Illinois Section of American Water Works Association for being a member and providing drinking water for 100 years.

Our Police Department also acquired many valuable new pieces of equipment. Almost all were obtained at nearly no cost to the city. Two new in car computers, a video camera, thermal imaging camera and most recently Stinger stun guns. The latter was tested by our department personnel in order to try and save money for the city. Almost all of our officers took an electrical charge from a stun gun to be able to judge whether the Stinger brand was worthy of purchasing instead of the more expensive Taser brand. I would say that is going over and above the call of duty. We also added Stan Scott and rehired Scott Rosson and Mike Boley as deputies.

The Fire Protection District campaigned to maintain an ambulance service in Nauvoo and the voters showed their faith in our dedicated volunteers by passing the referendum in April. After a summer of fundraising and many hours of training 3-ADAM-78 went online at 6:00 pm this evening. Big congratulations to our friends at the fire department.

New construction projects were steady again this year with 3 more units being started at Kimball gardens and the completion of phase 1 and the start of phase 2 at the Nauvoo Family Inn & Suites Annex. Unfortunately a major part of our history was removed from the Nauvoo skyline this fall. Demolition of St. Mary's Academy, most recently known as the Joseph Smith Academy was started this fall and is now just a memory. Future plans have not been finalized on what might replace the facility. NRI who used many of the rooms at JSA were forced to relocate and are nearly finished with their new facilities home at the NRI compound at the west end of Young Street. A sign that Nauvoo is always trying to stay up with times was shown when we granted permission to the Carlson's in Bluff Woods to install a wind generator on their property.

Our Library saw not only an increase with the amount of usage but also with physical and technological improvements. A new air conditioner, siding and gutters were some of the physical changes to the building and online cataloging of books brought the Library up to real world technology. Our

city park also received more playground equipment and saw the removal of several unused and unsightly pieces of Mediacom's cable equipment.

Work was started again to try and qualify for the needed wetland lineation so the dredging work could start at the boat harbor. This has been a long depressing search for acceptable land and I'm proud of the desire that has been shown to complete this project.

We had several changes in personnel within the city this year. New members Jason Skogg, Archie Smith and Chuck Gilbert were appointed to positions on the planning commission. They replaced Doug Stevenson, Doug Knowles and Michelle Snyder, 3 dedicated members who played a major part in the development of the planning process of Nauvoo. Dan Maurer was hired on as the new building inspector to replace Jerry Trimble who along with his wife relocated to the Quad Cities. Jerry helped establish a better working relationship with the planning commission and the city council and we hope that continues to build with Mr. Maurer. Rustin Lippincott who served as Nauvoo's tourism director accepted a position at Fairfield, Iowa in February. This started a search for a replacement and Jeanene Dean from Ft. Madison was hired to fill that position. Dave Seigfried was selected to replace Rose Seigfried on the Hotel/Motel board. Vicki Marting filled in the vacancy on the Library board after the untimely passing of Bev Boddeker. We also had to replace Marcus Allen who served the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward residents after he moved into the first Ward. Marcus served the city well these past few years and his dedication to a brighter future for Nauvoo will be missed. Marcus felt confident in his suggestion and I agree wholeheartedly that his replacement Dan Hahl will be a valuable asset to our city council.

Great crowds attended many of Nauvoo's events and festivals this year. Our city crews and several volunteers made sure all these events went well. We established a new Events committee within the city to meet our insurance carrier's requirements. This committee will oversee all requests for any event that will need to use city services and infrastructure.

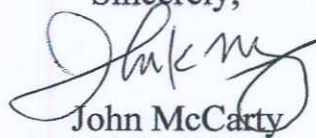
Two local scouts worked on projects to gain their Eagle Badge. Nick Menke organized and refurbished the dugouts at the Nauvoo Park District ball field and Patrick Walton digitally indexed and help clean up the Old Nauvoo Cemetery.

Progress on the Comprehensive plan with assistance from WIRC has reached the final stage. Land use planning and review of the first draft are where we stand today with the hope of finalizing and adopting the plan within the first half of this year. The Nauvoo Betterment committee was formed this year with a sole purpose of creating a sense of pride and

ownership of our community. Several projects have been discussed and hopefully we will see some of these come to be early this year.

Financially we are doing well for a small town with big city commitments. A lot of this is due to the dedication and respect of our city employees and council personnel who try and use the city's tax dollars wisely. Applications for grants and time spent researching our true needs have kept us within our budget without having to cut any services. I appreciate everything that has been done for the city by all these people and others in the community who enjoy and respect where they live. With this group of dedicated individuals Nauvoo will continue to grow and prosper in the coming years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John McCarty", written in a cursive style.

John McCarty  
Mayor of Nauvoo