

## MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM:

Platte City Mayor, Frank Offutt recently participated in the March for Meals Community Champions Week, March 21st-25th. Mayor Offutt helped deliver meals across Platte City. If you or someone you know would like information about the Meals on Wheels Program please have them contact Platte Senior Services, 11724 NW Plaza Circle, Ste 700, Kansas City, MO 64153 (816)270-4100 or visit them on the web at [www.platteseniors.org](http://www.platteseniors.org)



## SPRING CLEAN UP: APRIL 19TH-22ND

Our annual spring clean-up will be here soon! Large and bulky items will be picked up on your regular trash pick-up day; please have items out at the curb by 6:30 a.m.

The following items will be picked up free of charge:

- ◆ Brush and small limbs (cut to 4' lengths and bundled)
- ◆ Yard waste – leaves and grass clippings (bagged in paper bags only)
- ◆ Tires (limit of 4 per household)
- ◆ Appliances
- ◆ Furniture

Please note that the City **cannot** accept building materials (i.e. lumber, sheetrock, plaster, concrete, siding materials, carpet, insulation or roofing material).

Items not out on your regular pick-up day will not be considered part of the free service, will be picked up only at the resident's request, and regular bulky item pick-up fees will be charged. If you have questions, please contact Public Works at 816-858-4815.

### City Meetings

City Hall, 400 Main Street

Public Safety: April 4th, 5:30p.m.

Public Works: April 5th, 5:30p.m.

Planning & Zoning: April 5th, 7:00p.m.

Economic Dev.: April 19th, 5:30p.m.

Board of Aldermen: April 26th, 5:30p.m.

Civic Center, 900 Fourth Street

Parks & Rec Board: April 4th, 6:30p.m.

Municipal Court: Cancelled

### City Officials

Mayor: Frank Offutt

Ward I Aldermen:

Vickie Atkins

Brad Fryrear

Ward II Aldermen:

Tony Paolillo

Lee Stubbs

Ward III Aldermen:

Debbie Kirkpatrick

John Higgins

Municipal Judge:

J. Greg Dorsey

# MUNICIPAL ELECTION INFORMATION: ELECTION DAY: TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2016

Polling Place: First Baptist Church, 214 Ferrel St    Voting Time: 6:00 a.m. to 7:00

The Platte City municipal election provides residents with the opportunity to select a Mayor, one Alderman in each of the three wards and one Municipal Judge. The election also provides the opportunity to decide whether or not to continue an existing City sales tax.

Additional information related to the ballot measure on the City sales tax is provided below: City sales tax on out of State purchase of vehicles, trailers, boats & outboard motors.

The exact language on the ballot shown in italics below:

***Shall the City of Platte City discontinue applying and collecting local sales tax on the titling of motor vehicles, trailers, boats and outboard motors that were purchased from a source other than a licensed Missouri dealer?***

Approval of this measure will result in a reduction of local revenue to provide for vital services for Platte City and it will place Missouri dealers of motor vehicles, outboard motors, boats and trailers at a competitive disadvantage to non-Missouri dealers of the same items.

A "Yes" vote means that the local sales tax will be collected only on eligible in state purchases. Local sales tax collections on eligible out of state purchases will end and revenues the City is currently receiving will be lost.

A "No" vote means the existing sales tax will continue; no new tax will be collected.

Why is this issue on the ballot? A recent court decision and follow up State legislation requires cities that do not have a use tax (such as Platte City, Parkville, N. Kansas City) to receive voter approval by November 2016 to continue collecting current sales tax on the motor vehicles, boats, trailers and outboard motors purchased outside the State of Missouri. This is not a new sales tax. Voters are being asked to continue the existing local sales tax on motor vehicles, boats, trailers and outboard motors purchased outside the State of Missouri.

How does this affect me? This issue only applies to individuals who live in Platte City and who purchase a motor vehicle, boat, trailer or outboard motor outside of the State of Missouri. The same purchases made in State will be subject to local sales tax regardless of the vote result.

What is the difference in taxes? Platte City residents currently pay a 7.975% sales tax, including 4.225% State sales tax, 1.375% County sales tax and 2.375% City sales tax, on the purchases of a motor vehicle, boat trailer or outboard motor. If the City sales tax is discontinued for purchases of these items outside the State of Missouri, residents will pay 5.6% in State and County taxes on these out-of-state purchases and would pay 7.975% sales tax when these items are purchased inside the State of Missouri.

What is the impact on local business? The current sales tax provides a level playing field for local businesses. If the existing sales tax ends, Platte City auto, boat and trailer dealers would be at a competitive disadvantage compared to out of state dealerships whose sales would not be subject to the Platte City sales taxes.

What is the impact on local taxpayers? If the current sales tax is discontinued, Platte City residents who purchase motor vehicles inside the State of Missouri would be charged a higher sales tax to maintain City streets than those residents who drive the same streets, but purchased their vehicle outside the State of Missouri.

What is the impact on City services I receive? The current sales tax provides funding for general government operations, parks maintenance, transportation projects and capital projects. The general government operations funded by the City sales tax include public safety, street maintenance, sidewalk and trail rehabilitation, snow removal, and storm water system maintenance. The parks operations funded by the City sales tax include maintenance and improvements at the various City Parks and maintenance and improvements at the facilities used by the City's recreation programs including, ball fields, and the Civic Center gymnasium. The transportation and capital projects funded by City sales tax include the expansion and improvements to City streets, storm water system, sidewalks, trails and other major public improvements. The loss of \$50,000 to \$75,000 in sales tax revenue each year will result in some reduction of these services.