

3rd Quarterly Newsletter

Kathy Hall – 2nd Ward Alderwoman

Exciting things are happening in Silvis. Here are just a few things in case you missed them.

Downtown TIF - After two public hearings, the council approved a new downtown TIF. This will make the TIFs contiguous. The purpose of a TIF is to make areas attractive to developers and create more tax revenue.

New Businesses - New businesses are coming to Silvis. “The Doc’s Inn” will be open in February. It is on Avenue of the Cities, next to the Fitness First. They have great Gyros!

A medical supply company is almost ready to open in the same complex. It is in the old Ace Hardware area.

An Aldi will be built on John Deere Road, North of Wal-Mart. Plus another building will house a yet-to-be-named business.

Downtown, the condemned building on 1st Ave between Cosgrave’s Pharmacy and Salon El Molino will be demolished and a brand new, fresh office building will be built and will be available for lease.

There is now a new BBQ located next to River City Sign on 1st Ave.

Other Info - The 10th St repaving is complete and looks great. 11th Street drainage has been corrected.

Council approved a change to animal ordinance to allow hens be raised. A \$5 permit is required and is available at the City Clerk’s Office.

Downtown Street lighting will be completed this Spring/Summer.

The council is discussing hosting the “Silvis Open” – an amateur golf tournament at TPC golf course. This will be a cooperative effort: City, Silvis Business Association, QC Am Tour and TPC. It will draw many visitors and proceeds will be distributed to Silvis non-profit organizations. This will not cost the city any money since the startup money will be reimbursed by the tournament. Waterloo, IA has a very successful Am Tournament.

We finally have a new Police Officer to fill a long-standing vacancy. Officer Jose Vargas took the oath of office on Jan 17th.

Council voted **NO tax levy increase**. It remains the same as last year. Good news for residents!

Did you know?

Silvis has much lower water rates than surrounding cities. An average citizen may pay \$95 per quarter. In East Moline the average charge is \$120 every 2 months; in Carbon Cliff the average charge is \$180 per quarter.

Please let me know if you have any compliments for good service from city employees. Also, if you have any questions or needs for your area contact me at khall@silvisil.org or 792-0800.

I wish all a great 2012. I’ll do my best to represent you.

Thanks, Kathy Hall