

## **Right of way ordinance discussed**

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It was another short and quick Holyoke City Council meeting on Sept. 2 for the board.

Right of way maintenance discussion took place between council members. Alleys were a topic addressed concerning where property lines stop when alleys are involved.

City Attorney Al Wall suggested the board get together at a later date and discuss possibilities of ordinances.

The board received a letter from the Chamber of Commerce concerning sign beautification. City supt. Mark Brown said the Chamber, through donations, has come up with around \$800 to go toward the project and would like the city to get involved and help. After discussion the board supports the idea but would not like to get involved at this time.

## **Reports of city officials**

Supt. Brown said the street department has been busy patching streets and mowing. He also reported traffic at the airport has picked up selling roughly 1,000 gallons of fuel a month. On Tuesday, Sept. 2, a large Hawker 800 jet was parked on the tarmac waiting to take off the following morning. Board members all agreed it is nice to see traffic picking up.

Brown spoke with Larry Worth, Executive Director for NECALG, about a \$3,000 grant for surveying E. Johnson St. for the bike path. Brown said the grant will be received.

Council member Ray Bailey questioned Brown on the condition of some of the alleys in town after MP Nexlevel, LLC has finished working in them. Brown said the company came back and worked on the alleys after work had been done last year and ensured board members the alleys will be taken care of when all is said and done.

Police Chief Phil Biersdorfer said they have been patrolling the school zones and everyone seems to be following the speed limit with the exception of a few tickets being issued.

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Code Enforcement Officer Dawn Worley said the number of dogs at large has increased. She also mentioned she has been working with the tree board to get dead limbs taken care of before winter comes and snow becomes a factor.

In other business Sept. 2, council members:

—approved special events permit for Holyoke Vets Club.

—accepted WAPA revisions to contract.