

CITY OF MANVEL

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MANVEL STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS...2014

We do thank the Alvin-Manvel Chamber of commerce for giving the city of Manvel the opportunity to present the State of the City Address 2014 ,Manvel High School for providing us the location and my ingenious staff for putting all this together.

Joel Olsteen always starts off his sermon with a joke and I am going to borrow one of his. This cat and a mouse both died and went to heaven on the same day. St. Peter welcomed them and said if they needed anything to let him know. A month later, the mouse said Heaven was so big, he had difficulty getting around. St. Peter gave him a skateboard to get around faster. A month later, he saw the cat and asked him how he liked Heaven. The cat said he really loves it...especially the meals on wheels.

NOW DOWN TO BUSINESS...

“Today’s thoughts shape tomorrow’s destiny”. The City of Manvel has been blessed with a good year 2014. We have all had our downs, but we always rise and “Fly like an eagle”.

Our budget this year is \$4,840,360.00 with a tax rate of \$.58. It is slightly lower than the past seven years. We are exceedingly proud of our bond rating of AA+. It has taken us a long time to get here, but we are proud of our staff who has helped us accomplish this. Everyone tightened up their belts and lived very conservatively. Over the past 13 years our staff has been our strongest suite. Thomas Jefferson said, “In the matter of style, swim with the current, in matters of principle, stand like a rock”.

Our sales tax has also been a tremendous asset for our city. It has been slowly rising since 2010 . This year the sale tax has increased to \$1,340,887 still sending \$266,000 to MEDC and to the road fund \$266,000.

The MEDC of expanding infrastructure of 8,000 linear feet along the North side of SH6 has begun and should be finished in the next 120 days, weather permitting. This is a project MEDC has planned for the past two years accruing almost \$2 million to finance this project. They are now looking into the expansion of infrastructure along the South side of SH6. This will open the gates for future economic development. Amelia Earhart said, “Never interrupt someone doing something you said could not be done”.

Winston Churchill once said, “The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees opportunity in every difficulty”. The City of Manvel has been blessed with one opportunity after another. Development is here and we are moving forward. The housing market is booming. Lakeland and Cervelle homes have not been able to keep with the sales demands. They are currently expanding Section 3 with 122 more lots. To date they have 146 houses on the ground. Sedona Lakes are expanding sections 7 and 8. Presently they have 346 homes. Pomona has been installing their infrastructure. They have 4 sections ready to develop. Their goal is 2100 lots. Rodeo Palms has finished drilling a new well of 1200 feet to serve the remainder of the build out of the subdivision and any other added projects. Presently they have 882 homes. Southfork has been built out with 850 homes.

There are two new schools in the Manvel area: James “Red Duke” Elementary on CR59 and a new junior high school behind Manvel High School AISD has begun the re development of the existing Manvel JHS on Lewis Lane as a District Wide Career and Technical Education Center. The first phase will open in 2015. Mark Twain said, “Why not go out on a limb? That is where the fruit is”!

Our Comprehensive, Thoroughfare and Charter Review Commission Plans are being revisited and will be modified when and if it is necessary.

I cannot take the credit for all that has been accomplished. This is not an “I” city, it is a “WE” city. Our department heads will deliver their own reports. They have lived it, done it and they deserve all the credit for their accomplishments.

We will begin with the Permits Department, Mrs. Elaine Graham

Permit information from October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014.

Permit type	Number issued	Valuation of Permits
Residential	295	\$72,582,362.00
Commercial	17	\$32,291.036.00
All Other Permits	429	
Burn Permits	365	
Other annual Permits	38	
Total Number	1,144	

Total Number of inspections conducted during these dates 5,097.

New Businesses

**Private Mini Storage changes their name to Cube Smart
Piece Buy Piece relocated to FM1128
H & H Sports Memorabilia
Bierwirth Insurance Agency
Lucky 6 Cut “N” Shave
Bryson Monument & Lettering
Quilter’s Corner
Beaver Creek Smokehouse**

CR58 storage sold and changed their name to Diamond Storage\Cross Fit Manvel expanding their location Bobbi's Doggee Day Spa EZLine is expanding once again. This time they are adding another building of 48, 750 feet. Sounds like business is good. John Cox, our Councilman, .is now the proud owner of Manvel Barber Shop.

BOOK KEEPING AND WATER BILLING..Mrs. Brenda Derouen

In July 2013 we had 160 water/sewer accounts. Due to the expansion of Lakeland Subdivision, we now have 350+ accounts. We have almost replaced all standard meters with electronic meters. By installing electronic meters, we can read the meters more efficiently and in a timely manner. An added benefit is if a customer has an issue with a large volume of water usage, we have the capability to determine if there is a leak and if it is intermittent or continuous.

WATER AND WASTE WATER utility department...Mr. Michael White

- 1. 20 new fire hydrants added.**
- 2. Installed 7, 535 LF of new water line.**
- 3. Installed 6, 164 LF of new sanitary sewer line**
- 4. Repaired only 3 water leaks.**
- 5. Repaired only 1 sanitary sewer leak.**
- 6. Added new air drops at the Wastewater Treatment Facility.**

The Utility Department is currently working on these projects:

- 1. Working with the MEDC's infrastructure project along SH6**
- 2. A new lift station is being added.**

ROAD AND DRAINAGE DEPARTMENT..Mr. Jay White

My name is Jay White, Director of Public Works and I am proud to say I have worked for the City of Manvel for 28 years.

This year has been a great year for the Public Works Department. With the authorization of the City of Council I was able to purchase our own paving equipment the department has been lacking and we have been able to achieve the following:

Repaired 4 ½ miles of roads in the city by:

Completely rebuilding 13, 407 feet of roads

Overlaying 10, 389 feet of roads

On behalf of the Public Works Department, I would like to give thanks to the Mayor and the City Council for recognizing the department's need of this equipment to repair our city's roads and I would also like to thank Brazoria County Road and Bridge and the Brazoria County Drainage Districts #3, #4 and #5 for their help through the years.

2014 Engineering Summary...Mr. Dan Johnson

This year was another busy and productive year for the City of Manvel's Engineering Department. The City continues to implement the use of a Manvel-based consulting Cit Engineer in Daniel Scott Engineering, LLC(DSE) for the majority of their efforts. DSC performs, reviews and inspections and developer-initiated projects as well as design and implementation of City-driven Capital Improvement Projects.

As of October 2014, DSE reviewed 19 construction plans, including Pomona Sections 1-4, water and wastewater plant, Sedona Lakes 7 and 8; various drainage and mitigations plans. These projects has also received infrastructure inspection services to ensure compliance with city regulations and design criteria.

In 2012, city council adopted their first CIP identifying imminently needed projects, as well as their priority, anticipated years of completion and funding source. In 2013, that CIP was implemented to accomplish nine different capital improvement projects. One of these projects included the adoption of Water and Sewer Impact Fees to serve as an alternate funding source for future projects.

Additionally, a city-wide water model was prepared by Huitt-Zollars Engineering Firm and a city-wide master drainage plan By Klotz Engineering Firm.

Water and Sewer projects including utilities down SH6 to SH288 are currently under construction along with improvements to four of the city-maintained sanitary sewer lift stations.

The City of Manvel is indeed a City on the Rise and 2015 is forecasted to be even busier than 2014 with the continued construction of Pomona, Lakeland, Newport Lake Estates and several other pending projects.

Municipal Court.....Mrs. Annie Torres

The Manvel Municipal Court is hosted at Manvel City Hall. Annie Torres is the Court Administrator, our presiding Judge of 18 years is Michael Culling, our Alternated Judge recently

hired on November 10th, 2014 is: Thomas L. Pfeiffer and our Deputy Clerk is Kelley Haynes.

1. The Municipal Court is open from 7:30am to 5:30pm Monday – Thursday and Friday 7:30am to 11:30am.
2. Types of cases filed in Municipal Court are city ordinance violations and Class C fine only violations.
3. Court sessions are held twice a month at the Brazoria County Annex Courtroom.
4. All court staff attending mandatory yearly court training classes.
5. We are currently in the process of converting our court software to Incode with Tyler Technology.
6. Delinquent cases are reported to McCreary, Veselk, Bragg & Allen (MVBA) attorneys at Law for collections.
7. Delinquent cases are also reported to OmniBase of Texas which prevents defendants from renewing their driver's license.
8. Reports are filed with the State Comptroller's Office, Office of Court Administration and the Department of Public Safety and City Court on either a monthly or quarterly basis.

MANVEL Police Department...Chief Keith Traylor

In 2013 city council approved the purchase of three Tahoes. These Tahoes were purchased and outfitted with emergency lights, radars and mobile radios and in used by February 2014.

Due to the mandate handed down by the FCC all 800 Mhz radios have to be converted to 700Mhz digital radios by the end of 2016. We are currently in a replacement program for all radios mobile and portable. We have replaced almost 50% of our inventory. The big cost in the communications center which will be scheduled in the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

With the assistance of several businesses in the city with generous donations to the Manvel Police Association, we purchased and issued Tasers to all officers.

We completed the temporary holding facility for canines.

We continue aggressive traffic enforcement within the school zones and neighborhoods in the city.

The City Fire Marshal/Code Enforcement Officer resigned in April. Since that time, the department has stepped up and assisted with enforcing ordinance in the city, received numerous calls for overgrown properties and removed countless bandit or snipe signs posted on the cities right-of-ways and utility poles.

In July the department was notified by the Southern Brazoria County SPCA, they would no long accept animals from Manvel. We have been able to negotiate a contract with the Alvin Police Department and the Alvin Animal Control to utilize their new shelter. This benefits the citizens of Manvel as there is a better chance of getting their animals re-claimed and it keeps officers on the streets more as we will be no longer travelling to Lake Jackson to drop off animals. We still do have an animal control officer, but the officers of the department and I will do whatever we can to assist in domestic animal calls.

In September the Manvel Police Association held their second annual Chili and Rib Cook-off. The Association raised over \$7,000.00 for the Blue Santa Program. This program allows the association to purchase Christmas for the underprivileged children.

Statistical Date from October 2013 to September 2014:

Calls for service	16, 849
Response time to Priority 1 calls	Avg.4:42
Traffic stops	4,005
Citations/warnings	2,945
Animal complaints	361
City ordinance violations	136

Accidents

Major	41
Minor	220
Fatality	1

Criminal Case initiated	321
Arrests	125

The department is looking forward to the future and we are planning for next step. We know we have many challenges ahead of us but we are planning and looking forward to great things to come.

THANK YOU TO ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS. WHAT A FANTASTIC JOB THEY HAVE DONE!

George S. Patton said “Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do, and they will surprise with youth ingenuity”.

**The City of Manvel has been blessed with tremendous people and we will continue with the Lord’s guidance.
COMMUNICATION AND TRANSPARENCY IS OUR MOTTO.**

Leonardo de Vinci said, “Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Being willing is not enough: we must do”.

I will end with two pictures of my favorite people...my Johnny Manvel and my cousin, Kirk Martin, the best coach in all the world.

Thank you all for coming....GOD BLESS!