

# COMMERCE CORNER NEWS

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## NEW CITY OFFICES AND POLICE STATION

City Hall and the Commerce Police station will soon be combining their offices into the new building located at 618 Commerce Ave. Construction is underway to make the offices ready for business. For City Hall a new window has been placed with a counter for customer service and very soon a drive thru window will be placed on the West end of the building for the convenience of our citizens. We are very excited about this move and even more excited that we have been able to do this without any extra cost to the citizens. Despite rumors and allegations taxes will not be raised to pay for this and water bills will not go up to pay for this.

With the purchase of this building the City will now be able to supply residents with a community room, which will be available for activities, and a storm shelter to be used when there's a threat of bad weather. There will be a more suitable court room which has been sorely needed and a larger space for council meetings. As for the police department, this move is going to be an improvement for them as well as the Fire Department. The two departments have outgrown the present building and this will provide them each more space to better serve the community.

Emergency management will also have much needed space for watching and reporting weather conditions and serving in emergencies that arise during bad weather.

We invite everyone to come and check out our improvements at an Open House to be held September 6, 5:30 pm.



### Dates to Remember

August 1 – Happy Birthday Mayor Hart  
August 2 - City Council meeting 6:30 pm  
**August 10 - School begins**



### Water Department

Water disconnected due to non-payment does not close an account. You are still liable for a minimum bill the following months. The only way to close an account is for the account holder to come in and show ID requesting termination. If you are shut off due to non-payment and know you will not be able to pay for awhile you may still come in and show ID requesting your services to be discontinued and we will hold your deposit until you are able to catch up your bill and would like reconnected. This will prevent further charges. If you know early in the month you will be unable to pay by the due date, you may come into our office and sign an extension. **THIS MUST BE DONE PRIOR TO SHUT OFF DAY!** Extensions will be allowed as long as they are paid by the date agreed upon.