

The Big 14

Attract one new business into Sarcoxie within 12 months

Exercise the roles and tools of the SEED Board to secure a business in the City. It should be perceived as supplying a needed product or service. It will include identifying a potential location and incentives.

Improve Housing & Nuisance Enforcement

Simplify and standardize the processes involved with enforcing several programs to improve vacant and/or dangerous buildings as well as conditions that adversely impact the quality of neighborhoods and housing values. These programs include the enforcement of weeds, nuisances, dangerous and/or vacant buildings.

Replace the show barn

The current show barn is in an undesirable location, dilapidated and has design flaws that limit its utility. This project involves building a new facility that will complement the downtown area and facilitate a significant increase in usage throughout the year. This project will be conditional on securing grants or external funding.

Park on the Square Improvement Project

The intention of the project is to improve operational efficiencies of the downtown park and improve the esthetics of the area to compliment other downtown improvement efforts underway. This is a collection of several projects primarily involves the interior portions of the square. Significant elements include a watering system, improved electrical system, renovation of the gazebo, light pole banners, replace existing sign with a new digital sign, custom downtown gateway signage and smaller components as identified.

Complete the Western Portion of the Water System 10” Loop

This major project involves installing a major portion of the 10” loop. This water supply will run along 37 Highway from the Newton County line and travel roughly 1.5 miles to the north of High Street. This supply will create annexation opportunities and improve supply to the north and west sides of the city. It will also set the framework for additional expansion and the continuation of the loop. This project will be heavily impacted by the city’s ability to secure grants, prospective voluntary annexations and potential private development ventures.

Establish policies and rules for parking on the square.

This project involves establishing laws for parking on the square to assist with growing parking congestion issues.

Renovate the Historic Jail

This project involves the restoration of the historic city jail on the square. This includes staging a scene within the jail for public display which includes mannequins with period themed costumes, low voltage lighting and an informational kiosk.

Carnival Grounds upgrade including the closure of well #1

This project is intended to increase the utility of the city owned property west of the square. By increasing the available area and making improvements, this property will be better able to accommodate the carnival during Chief Sarcoxie Days as well as be available for other events and purposes.

Stebbins Park Improvement Plan

This project involves continuing the work to complete the Stebbins Park Improvement Plan that was created in 2017. Completion of this plan will essentially result in a completely renovated park that will be safe and refreshed from its baseline status in 2015. This project relies on a \$20,000 grant that was awarded, but not disbursed, from the Stebbins Memorial Trust in 2017.

Traffic Calming Initiative

Experiment with physical traffic calming devices in areas prone to frequent complaints of speeding and reckless driving. physical traffic calming device on 1st St. south of Joplin St. to slow traffic. If successful, initiate a similar system at Joplin St. to eliminate the controversial stop signs at 18th St.

Improve Participating Properties in the Downtown Area

Develop a utilization rating of all properties on the square as well as an improvement plan. This includes ownership changes, public / private use, front façade improvements and grants. Include the Fire Department front façade.

Community Building Improvement Plan

The Gene Taylor Community Building was built in the 1970s. Although significant renovations and maintenance have been completed in recent years, there are still several opportunities for improvement that will increase the benefit and utility of the facility for the public. Some items have already been approved as priority items and have been approved.

ISO Fire Safety Improvement Plan

The process of improving the ISO rating of the city make the city a safer hometown and result in reduced insurance premiums for residents and business owners.

Stormwater Improvement Plan

The creation of a stormwater improvement plan will be the start of a structured long-term approach to solve the long-term problems with stormwater retention in several areas of the city. These problems have led to localized flooding and an extra burden on the sewer system and have to be addressed at the macro level before haphazardly addressing it in individual neighborhoods.