

Dear Editor,

The three primary functions of Perryville city government are Public Works, Police and Parks. Our city annual budget expenditures of \$20 million are allocated approximately as follows:

Public Works ----- \$15 million

Police ----- \$ 3 million

Parks ----- \$ 2 million

These three departments provide us with the basic necessities of a quality life. Clean water, waste disposal, natural gas, and streets from our Public Works Department; safety and security from our Police Department; fun and entertainment from our Parks Department.

Most of these quality of life essentials are generally taken for granted – just assumed to be there.

In fact, 90 full time and 60 part time city employees diligently work to provide these services to us 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. This is a huge responsibility and requires a well organized and talented team. We are fortunate to have such a team.

City government merely provides the basic services. We, the citizens of Perry County and Perryville, with our superior work ethic, our sense of civic responsibility and our attitude of self reliance, provide the real energy that makes our community flourish. Our numerous churches, boards, committees, commissions and service groups are mostly staffed by volunteers. These organizations and volunteers are the key players in our vibrant growth and well being. We are indeed blessed and fortunate to have such an energized community team.

Ken Baer, Mayor