## **PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT GUIDELINES**

City Hall Hours are Monday thru Friday, 8am to 4pm (we are closed for lunch 12:30pm to 1:30pm) There is a drop box to the right of the door for after hour and lunch time payments.

- Summer Property Taxes are mailed out July 1<sup>st</sup> and Winter Property Taxes are mailed out December 1<sup>st</sup> each year.
- If you have a mortgage company that pays your taxes, a mortgage code will appear above the return address on the left.
- Summer Property Taxes are due on September 14<sup>th</sup>, after this date a 4% penalty is applied to any unpaid tax.
- Winter Property Taxes are due February 14<sup>th</sup>, after this date a 4% penalty is applied to any unpaid tax.
- All Real Property Taxes must be paid at City Hall by February 28<sup>th</sup>, after this date, the City can no longer collect real property taxes. Beginning March 1<sup>st</sup> all unpaid Real Property Taxes must be paid at the Gratiot County Treasurer's Office.
- Personal Property Taxes can be paid at City Hall at any time.

Tax Payments

- If paying by check, please make sure your signature is on the check and the numerical amount matches the written amount of the check. The City cannot accept post-dated checks. If you send/give us a check, expect it to be deposited the day we receive it.
- You may pay by Credit Card at our office or On-line (www.stlouiscity.is.bsasoftware.com). There is a convenience fee assessed by the credit card company. Please note that there can be a 24 hour delay before we receive the file from the credit card company so plan to make your payments at least a day before they are due to ensure that you will not be penalized.
- Post Marks are NOT accepted on tax bills. Payment must be physically received by the City Hall office before 4:00 PM on the applicable due date.
- If the due date falls on the weekend, payments will be accepted through the following Monday until the close of business (4pm) without penalty.