The traffic light has only cycled during heavy traffic periods before and after school. Currently, a flashing caution light is directed toward Highway 30, and a flashing light toward Bardot Street during all other times of the day.

St. Clair City Administrator Travis Dierker said the city began to discuss the need to do a traffic study with the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) during the Bardot Street project in late 2018. MoDOT conducted the study at no cost to the city during the fall of 2019 and concluded there was a need to have the light cycle full time.

Gibson has been serving as interim auditor since Feb. 4, after being appointed by the Franklin County Commission.

"There haven’t really been any surprises, but I’m still getting my feet wet," Gibson said. "It definitely gives you a different perspective.”

Gibson added she plans to meet soon with all of the county elected officials and department heads, and feels communication should always be open.

She looks forward to helping Deputy Auditor Jan Shocklee with the daily operation of the twoperson office, which includes approving purchase orders from all county departments and keeping an eye on budgets.

The office was vacated when longtime auditor Tammy Vemmer retired at midnight Feb. 3, with just under three years left on the four-year term.

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