

GENERAL REPORT
May 23, 2017

1. This is a very short agenda. We have been busy because of all the electrical problems this past week. Added to that is my continuing efforts to get some of the projects done before the new manager arrives. I have started working on the 2018 budget and have been visiting with department heads to determine what capital outlay items they would like included in their respective budgets.

2. I have re-listed the claim from Prairie Belles for your consideration. Further investigation shows that we had power fluctuations on the date of their claim. Nothing appears to be wrong with the transformer as it is working properly and no one is having problems right now. On the date of the damage to their air conditioner units, the temperature was 94 degrees so it was extremely hot which could have caused some of the voltage problems. I haven't received any information on how their loss of revenue was determined.

3. The wind caused us many electrical problems on Wednesday. Several limbs fell from the trees, some on power lines which caused lights to flicker. We also lost one of the circuits for a few minutes, again totally related to the wind. A power pole behind Garnett True Value Hardware had to be replaced which took the better part of two (2) days to complete.

On Monday, May 15th the power was off several times. At first it appeared to be a problem with KCP&L; however later investigations showed the PT at the tie meter house failed which caused the power to go off and on. It appears this piece of equipment could have been struck by lightning the prior week as the outside was charred and blackened. Bob Mills made a quick trip to Russell, Kansas to get a replacement. The new equipment has been installed.

I want to commend the city electricians for working through some dangerous situations this past week. They are a great crew, are mindful of safety restrictions and will do whatever it takes to make sure power is restored to our customers.

4. Phil has been working to get the swimming pool ready for opening season which is Saturday, May 27, 2017. The majority of his personnel has been hired.

Memorial Day services will be held at the cemetery on Monday, May 29th. The Avenue of Flags will fly from May 26 – May 29th.

Soccer is over. Baseball teams have been chosen and the kids start their season on May 22nd.

5. The Planning Commission met on May 16, 2017 to discuss the definition of a depository. Terry has prepared a draft ordinance that Gary is reviewing. It will be listed on your June 13, 2017 agenda.
6. All city departments will be closed on Monday, May 29th in honor of Memorial Day.
7. Air Fair and Square Fair were very well attended.

PROJECT UPDATE REPORT

- A. Electric line along Walnut Street – I sent an e-mail to another CenturyLink supervisor. I really don't know what else to do except to perhaps threaten to drop their services to the ground which I believe would probably get us into trouble because of the pole attachment agreement. But it might get their attention.
- B. Water Plant – Continuing to work on the grant application with Kansas Rural Water.
- C. Outflow Meter – Device was received and installed. However, we asked for it to be relocated to another area.
- D. Water rights – The state wasn't satisfied with the pump information provided, therefore an engineer from Fairbanks Morse came to the power plant to make sure the correct pump sizes were listed. The Kansas Department of Water Resources is now okay with everything and has applied for a waiver to keep us from having to spend a tremendous amount of money for pumps to monitor the water go in and out of the engines whenever they are run.
- E. Street repair – Killough Construction has scheduled Garnett's work for June. I plan to ask for a bid on West Sixth Avenue from Maple west to High Street. This section of road is in very bad shape.
- F. Personnel policies – Jenny Myers continues to work on these too. I talked to Terry and he needs to make a few more changes so he and I can decide when we are ready to meet with the commission.
- G. Skate park – I assume Jeremy will continue the fund raisers throughout the summer. I believe his replacement has been chosen for the next school year so he will visit with him about this project.
- H. Sidewalks – Waiting for June to start on courthouse sidewalk.

I. AWOS – Pat Schettler has been busy working on Air Fair so this took a back seat.

J. Code book – Terry has been looking over the revisions that were done by CityCode and says this is going to be a “big job” to make sure everything is okay.

K. Advisory Boards – still need one person each for Airport and Economic Development Boards. Airport can have six (6) members, however only two (2) can be non-city residents. Charles Allen and Ron Zimmerman are the two (2) county residents and we are having problems finding any city residents who want to serve. Those asked have declined. I need to visit with Dennis Arnold to determine what ACDA decided on their board opening.

L. New playground – Pathways to a Healthy Kansas grant application was submitted on Friday, May 5, 2017. We will be notified on May 26th if our grant was approved.

M. South bound turn lane on Highway 59 – Bid opening has been changed to June 6th here at city hall. Results will be discussed at the June 13th meeting.

N. Area below the spillway at the North Lake – Wind and rain has kept city crews from working on this.

O. Nutrient renewal process – Provided current code information to Jay Norco so he can make sound recommendations to staff and the commission.

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