

## GENERAL REPORT

April 26, 2016

1. As requested, the street repair bid information was sent to the commissioners following the last meeting. While I know there will be discussion about the North Lake road, we need to talk about some of the local streets that must be repaired. Attached to this report is another copy of the estimates. You will note on Page 1 that Farrel and I have marked from 1-9 the order of importance of repair for the selected streets listed.

We need to remember the \$32,000 commitment made to Anderson County to do a portion of the road leading to the Cedar Valley Reservoir.

The Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival committee has a bid of \$71,291 to repair 1,000 feet of road on the east side of the North Lake. While the former Racing Association has committed \$32,000 for this project, the remaining \$39,291 remains unfunded. This committee met on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> and they believe they have gone as far as they can unless funds are committed for a long range plan to repair all of the north lake road over the next few years.

2. John Helms and Ray Arnett will attend the meeting to discuss the two bids received on the trash truck. This will be a lease purchase arrangement through one of the local banks.

3. Tom Emerson has asked to be reappointed to another three year term on the Tourism Advisory Board. We have two (2) vacancies on this board now as Brogen Katzer will be relocating to Chanute and Charlotte Lutz feels her personal schedule doesn't allow her to continue on the committee.

There is still one vacancy on the Planning Commission, one on the Community Foundation Board and now two on the Tourism Advisory Board. We do have some names for the Planning Commission and Andy will contact them.

4. Janon Gordon would like to serve on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. Janon has been a coach in several of the city's recreation activities. If approved, she would fill an unexpired term of Amy Wettstein until 3/1/2017.

5. As of today, I haven't received any additional information from Terry about the franchise agreement with KSFibreNet. I am listing it on your agenda in case he wants to give a report at the meeting. This has been an extremely busy time of the year for Terry so this may need to be tabled until the May 10<sup>th</sup> agenda.

6. On April 14, I talked to the regional manager for VYVE Cable TV Company about the Walnut Street project. She informed me that the next day they submitted a list of all materials needed to get their services moved to the new poles on Walnut Street. It is my understanding the project has been

approved by their upper level management and it appears the work should commence by the middle to the end of May. So I guess we'll wait and see if this is another failed promise or if something will actually happen.

7. The agreement with Big Brothers/Big Sisters is pretty much in standard form with the exception of #1 which talks about the consumption of cereal malt beverage or alcoholic liquor. Terry will explain this at the meeting. In the past, this organization has sponsored Bowl for Kid's Sake, however they found the corn hole tournament to be a better event for them since there is no bowling alley located in Garnett anymore. They will use the football field and stadium.

8. Resolution 4/26/16-1 follows the suggested format provided by the Kansas Department of Commerce. Please note it states for the year 2016. Each year, in January, a resolution needs to be passed restating the city's intention to participate in the Kansas Pride Program for that year. We'll add this to our list of resolutions considered by the commission at the first of every year.

9. Park crews are working on the new concession stand by the swimming pool. This facility was donated by the Garnett Lions Club last year. Once this is done, they will work on the Legion ballfield backstop. Of course, mowing is becoming a top priority.

Please look at the tot lot by the swimming pool the next time you pass by. Power Plant personnel have repaired and repainted the top of what used to be a slipper slide. Water and gas crews painted the steps. Other pieces of playground equipment need some minor work. The bleachers at the upper ball diamond are being painted as well as the batting cages. Everyone is working together to improve the look of our facilities.

10. Spring clean-up went pretty well and the majority of things were picked up during the designated week. Street crews had a few places to get on the following Monday.

11. Plans are moving forward to have a program to dedicate the "Garnett Remembers" veteran's banners. We have settled on May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the bandstand on the courthouse lawn. The community band will have a concert and members of the American Legion and VFW will be invited to attend and participate. Susan is preparing a news release that will have all of the pertinent information.

12. The Prosperity Foundation will meet on Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. to open bids to demolish the Garnett Church Furnishings. I will ask Dennis to give me the results so I can pass the information onto the commissioners at your meeting.

13. Would the commission like to schedule a joint city/county commission meeting? The last one held was on September 15, 2015. I would like to discuss joint street projects as well as ask for clarification on the city-wide clean-up projects as they relate to commercial customers.

14. The annual League Conference is scheduled for October 8-10 at the Sheraton Hotel & Overland Park Convention Center. In order for us to be able to stay at the hotel where the conference is being held, we'll need to make reservations as soon as possible. Please check your schedules and let me know if you plan to attend and for how many days. Normally, we go on Sunday and attend the workshops and opening session; stay over for the evening activities and attend the workshops on Monday before returning home.

14. I had the pleasure of showing Commissioner Cole around the city departments and introducing her to several of the employees on Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. I believe she will have a report to give.

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