



## **City Manager's Report**

June 11, 2019

Honorable Mayor Gwin and City Commissioners Brecheisen-Huss and Cole,

As you can tell from our departmental reports, this is a very busy time of year for all departments. As I mentioned in my weekly update, Director Amaya, Foreman Wettstein, and myself met with an engineer from Olsson Associates and another from BG Consultants concerning the road at the North Lake Park. As I mentioned, they recommended keeping the road closed and Mr. Hoskinson with BG Consultants is preparing a hydrology study and a few options for repair/replacement for us to consider. I hope to have his report sometime next week so that we can move forward quickly. I attended a meeting at Parkside One addressing tenant concerns and have continued to meet with department heads regarding their budgets for the remainder of this year and into 2020. Also as I mentioned, due to the lack of reliability of our cell phone provider, U.S. Cellular, we have transitioned our service provider to Verizon Wireless who should have much more reliable service. I have sent out another doodle pool for your consideration of dates to start our budget workshops – please respond back as quickly as possible so that we can get these started. We also obviously need to continue our city code discussions so if we can get through the budget quicker this year, hopefully we can get some more city code workshops in soon as well. I also attended our annual Joint Energy Management Pool (EMP) meeting hosted by the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency (KMEA) with Director Mills this week. As Director Wettstein announced at the Joint City/County Commission Meeting, we are excited to be a host for Lieutenant Governor Lynn Rogers' Listening Tour. The public meeting will be held during the evening of July 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Anderson County High School. I would like to thank Directors Susan

Wettstein and Julie Turnipseed along with Chamber Director Kris Hix for coordinating with the Lieutenant Governor's office and facilitating his visit.

The agenda this meeting is rather full with a few anticipated visitors. Mr. Tracy Modlin plans to attend to speak about the planned monument that the Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival is going to build out at the north lake park. We expect to have Ms. Emma Self, Mr. Eddie Gruver, and Ms. Cindy Moyer all in attendance for the presentation of the official City flag. Ms. Self was the designer of the City flag while Mr. Gruver provided the impetus for the flag competition and the eventual adoption of the City flag. Ms. Moyer served on the flag selection committee along with Mr. Gruver. Item B and C are consideration of transient guest tax (TGT) requests from the Greeley Smokeoff and the Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival. The requests are in the amount of \$2,000 and \$6,625.23 respectively and the Tourism committee has recommended full approval of the \$2,000 for the Greeley Smokeoff and \$6,505.23 for the Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival. The minutes from their meeting are included in this packet as usual for further information. Kimberly Robrahn with Trustpoint Insurance (our insurance company) will also be here for the presentation of our annual dividend check from our underwriters, EMC Insurance. Item E is the consideration of Charter Ordinance 29 which establishes a five-member City Commission. Item F is the trailer ordinance which establishes the election via mail-in ballot to approve Charter Ordinance 29. The total of our bills and payroll this past cycle is \$170,276.37.

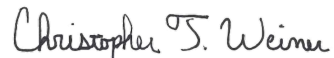
This month's financials show the first significant down month in our operating funds, although that is mainly due to the payment of our annual property and liability insurance premium. The Gas fund is the only fund that is posting a balance at this point which is over budget thus far through the year. This is due to the abnormally cold and long winter which drove up the quantity and price of our wholesale natural gas purchases. It will be close at the end of the year, but hopefully we can slide in under budget. The most important thing I'd like to point out at this juncture is the cash flow comparison on the last page of the financials. As you'll see, our cash flow in 2019 in both the electric and gas funds is significantly lower than it was in 2018. This is entirely due to the significant increase in transfers out of both funds. The increase in electric transfers is mostly due to our planned capital improvement projects while most of the increase in gas transfers is to subsidize our tax levy funds. While both funds still have ample reserves as of now,

I fully expect both funds to take a sizable loss this year. While this was exactly what was planned with 2019's budget, it is still obviously a negative trend which will need to be corrected.

This month's employee of the month is Gary Giczewski. Gary consistently goes above and beyond his job responsibilities while dealing with challenging situations. He always maintains an upbeat and friendly demeanor and conducts himself with the utmost professionalism. He assists other departments when possible and is a terrific team player. He is an excellent employee and a wonderful person.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions and I appreciate the opportunity to serve you and this wonderful Garnett community as City Manager.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christopher T. Weiner".

Christopher T. Weiner, City Manager