



## **City Manager's Report**

September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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

As you know, last week was city wide cleanup. I think the cleanup effort went extremely well, the biggest challenge we had was people not having their debris out for us to pick up when we went past their property. There was some confusion as some people thought the cleanup pickup was the same day as their regular trash pickup. This is not the case and moving forward we will make sure to do a better job trying to inform people via media and town talk that they need to have their cleanup items at the street/alley on Monday of cleanup week as it will not necessarily coincide with their trash pickup day. I spent Wednesday of cleanup week working with one of the crews and I cannot express the gratitude I have for our guys who ride the trash trucks every day as well as those who assist in cleanup week. The job that they all is challenging and is very much appreciated.

Last week City staff met with a group of Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) officials who made a trip to our airport to conduct a site visit. We had a very constructive conversation and I believe building this relationship with the FAA will bode well for our Master Plan's chances of being funded as well as just for future growth and improvement of the airport. I would also like to mention that Pat Schettler should be commended for the amount of time and dedication he is devoting to improving our airport. Pat does an excellent job running the Airport Board meetings, supports the Air Fair event with his own money, and takes time off of work to participate in these meetings and conferences planning the future of the airport.

We ran into a challenge with the chip and seal plan for our streets as the oil the County was going to get is no longer available. Upon this notification, I secured a separate source of oil to be able to keep the chip and seal project on schedule. County Road and Bridge Director Lester

Welsh has not had the time this year to even get the County's chip and seal work completed, let alone any of the City's projects in the county, but given the previous conversations we've had, he will go ahead and do the work for us next week (barring weather being uncooperative). At the moment, we are planning on Wednesday, the 26<sup>th</sup>, being the date for the chip and seal project on Walnut and Park.

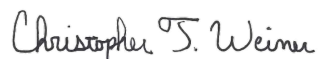
I have unfortunately had sick kids this week and have been out of the office more than I've been in it. On Thursday Director Turnipseed and County Commissioner Howarter and I went to Pittsburg to observe the State's Legislative Transportation Task Force meeting and provide testimony. I believe this was a successful meeting and we will continue to communicate with other regional officials and task force members to stress the importance of our area highways.

Following our budget workshop Thursday evening, taking the direction you provided, I compiled a budget for publication and your consideration which you should see in next week's paper. Assuming this publication does in fact occur, we will hold our budget hearing to start our regular meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to hold a workshop prior to that hearing we can do so. Please let me know if you have any changes in particular you would like me to try and make. As explained at the last workshop, our numbers now may go down in any fund, but they may not go up without re-publishing.

As you know, I will be gone for our meeting this Tuesday and therefore I have kept the agenda extremely light. If anything comes up prior to the meeting, it can be added to the agenda if need be. The only business item I have is the approval of the bills in the amount of \$664,363.99.

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

Sincerely,



Christopher T. Weiner, City Manager