



City Manager's Report

January 8th, 2019

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

I hope you have all had a wonderful holiday season over the past couple of weeks. As you know, with the holidays City Hall is closed a couple of days during one of the busiest times of the year for us as we complete the end-of-year tasks. We have had a relatively quiet winter thus far with only a couple of snows. As we ended 2018 and begin 2019, we are continuing to build upon the significant strides we have made over the past year toward growth in our community. We continue to make progress on the water plant project, although KDHE is now requiring us to get our already in use lagoons permitted (hopefully will not impact the timeline), we have had some commercial, industrial, and residential growth and continue to see continued construction in these sectors. We continue to work on our Airport Master Plan Update which we received an FAA grant for and continue to work with engineers and consultants to pursue other potential community projects such as a safe routes to schools sidewalk project, wastewater plant and distribution system improvements, further airport improvements, repairs and improvements at our parks and lakes, among others. We are also proud to have so many community minded volunteers who we have the privilege of working with to put on numerous community events increasing the commerce and quality of life in our community.

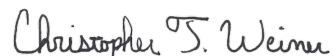
In contrast to our last meeting's agenda, this one is fairly full. After the annual appointment of our Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tempore, we have the proposal for a prepay program for our natural gas purchasing back on the agenda. I believe Paul Mahlberg and Sam Mills from KMEA (Kansas Municipal Energy Agency), our consultant, will be here to answer questions regarding this proposal. The proposal is in its final steps and if we desire to participate in this

program, we will need to make this decision within the next couple of weeks. The proposal for a left hand turn signal at the intersection of Maple Street and Park Road is slated to be presented by Representative Mechnig. We have two proclamations, one for law enforcement recognition day and the other for school choice week as well as customary resolutions designating an official city newspaper and waiving our GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) requirements – as you may recall, this GAAP waiver is done as we follow the Kansas Cash Basis and Budget Laws rather than GAAP. Next is the annual agreement with the Enduro Club for their Go-Kart races this summer and an application, which has passed the planning and zoning commission, for rezoning of property next to the hospital. The hospital has purchased this property and intends to use it for their purposes (primarily storage at this time I believe). The discussion of the structure of a five-member City Commission is back on the agenda after some time for consideration. The bills and payroll this past cycle total \$176,418.38.

This month's employee of the month is Jason Wettstein. Since the retirement of the previous Street Superintendent, Jason has stepped up and ran the day-to-day operations of the street department extremely well. He is a very meticulous individual and gives every project 110%. He is an extremely gifted mechanic and has saved the City tens of thousands of dollars over the years with his mechanical ability. Supervision is a new responsibility for him but he has not shied away from it and is rising to the occasion. He is also smart in his purchases and always is mindful of his budget. Jason is a tremendous employee and I am grateful for his service to our community.

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

Sincerely,

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

Christopher T. Weiner, City Manager