

GENERAL REPORT

June 28, 2016

1. Listed on the agenda are the five (5) businesses who received Business Excellence Awards through the Kansas Department of Commerce. Craig VanWey normally comes to make these presentations, however he has a conflict that night. I will have the various letters about each business available for the Mayor and/or commissioners to read at the meeting.

2. It has been quite some time since I have shared the various revenue reports with the governing body. The transient guest tax revenues continue on a steady pace. However, sales tax revenues are up and down. The recreation center showed a slight decrease in May which was caused by a decline in the numbers of Anderson County and Garnett Police Department officers who used the center as well as some of the exercise classes not being held in May. Spin classes have started back up and YOGA classes continue. We are fortunate to have the various classes, including core & cardio because they are well attended and bring in considerable revenue. The recreation center is operated totally on memberships, daily fees, classes and rentals. No tax money is needed, at least not at this point.

3. The county has approved fall-clean-up week for September 12-16, 2016. Commercial customers will no longer be included in this free pick-up as requested by the county commissioners.

4. C. B. Harris has asked for the commission to go ahead and make a decision on what streets can be partially blocked off for the LGGPR event to be held in October. He said they are trying to get some of the details resolved now rather than waiting until closer to the date. This is what he is requesting: restrict parking on the north, south and west side parking spaces adjacent to the courthouse. The east side of the courthouse square will be left open because of the sheriff's department. They would like to close Fourth Avenue just west of Eric Brummel's building, east to Oak Street. They do not want the entire street closed because of the Kirk House, library, businesses and some residential homes. They are expecting 250 cars for their show. C. B. also reports that one group of 30 campers will attend so we are working to accommodate that number because they all want to be in one spot together.

5. You might have noticed that the roofs on the Town Hall Center and City Hall are being replaced. We continue to have leaks whenever it rains or snows so I decided to go ahead and replace rather than continuing to repair. This is long overdue.

6. Don Edgerton has completed repairing the west side of the stadium building. Not only did he fill in the windows with blocks, he went ahead and filled in the large cracks that have appeared over the years. I will talk with the

department heads to determine who has time to start painting. I will offer for them to come in early in the morning to keep the paint from evaporating too much. Don said it would need to be primed followed by a good coat of latex paint.

7. We received our assessed valuation figures from the county to begin preparing the 2017 budget. The City's mills are projected to raise \$22,902 per mill which is an increase of approximately \$5,000 per mill. This is because the higher assessed valuation for the ethanol plant has to be included in these figures until such time as the dispute over this matter is settled. I'm just not too sure what to do at this point other than put everything together and see what the end result is. If the ethanol plant wins their dispute, then any monies received from the higher assessed valuation figures will have to be paid back.

8. Chris Goetz and I had some additional conversations about the disc golf course. I am going to write a grant request to the Goppert Foundation to see if they will help underwrite this project. Chris is working to receive some local donations.

9. Representatives from KsFiberNet are ready to meet with Terry and I to discuss their next step.

10. The additional banners have been received and will be installed by the electricians prior to the Fourth of July holiday.

11. Don't forget the activities that are scheduled for Saturday, July 2nd as the Chamber prepares for a family day of fun at the north lake. The rain date is July 3rd.

12. It will be necessary to have a short executive session for approximately 30 minutes.

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