

GENERAL REPORT

May 10, 2016

1. Representatives from the Racing Association and the Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival committee met on May 4th to discuss repairs to the north lake road. Greg Gwin also attended this meeting. A new quotation in the amount of \$52,235.50 that calls for a 3" asphalt overlay was reviewed. A copy is enclosed. I thought it best to get the players from both groups together so there could be a clear understanding of what road repairs the Racing Association expects before they decided whether or not to commit their funds to this project. Four members of the racing association were present and voted unanimously to give their remaining funds to the city. This donation comes with the restriction that the road is repaired properly. I guess what is deemed proper will be left to the discretion of Killough, the city and LGGPR. If nothing can be resolved, the money will be given to the Garnett Community Foundation with the understanding that it must be spent in the North Park.

Rather than putting in a new base under the entire 1,000 feet, it was suggested that only the "soft spots" need to be addressed by installing a new base only in those areas then covering the entire 1,000 feet with a new asphalt overlay. This could possibly allow more footage to be done. Killough has been contacted and asked to prepare another quotation. Once that is received, we can see how much the \$32,000 will cover and if the commission needs to consider committing some street repair funds to the North Lake road. Then the question is, what street projects, if any, should be done. Killough won't be able to come to Garnett until Tuesday morning so hopefully I'll have something to report at the meeting.

I talked to Jerry Howarter about a joint city/county meeting and told him that one topic would be the possibility of the county helping us with some street repair projects this year as they have done in the past. Jerry will check with the other two county commissioners on Monday and give me some suggestions when they can meet. I'll report those dates at the meeting Tuesday night.

2. As requested, I am sending you a revised copy of the bids received on the trash truck. John will attend the meeting to hopefully provide the commission the answers concerning his department's preference of one vehicle over the other.

3. Brandi Lopez, representing ECKAN, will attend the meeting for the reading of a Proclamation declaring May as Community Action month.

4. Enclosed is a letter concerning a Peace Run that will pass through Garnett on May 17th. GES Principal Krista Headrick has done a tremendous job to involve her students by planning an assembly at the school at 1:25 p.m. I plan to attend and hope the commissioners can as well.

4. Terry has talked to a representative from KsFibreNet and they will redo the agreement with Garnett to include the additional clauses offered to the City of Pittsburg. The agreement will be listed on the May 24th agenda for your consideration.

5. Enclosed in your packets is a copy of a proposal from CityCode Financial to begin the process of going through our existing code book to determine what's right and what's wrong, what should remain and what should be deleted. The existing code was developed in 1961. It is my belief that many of the original ordinances are outdated and need to be removed. Over the years, adopted ordinances have been sent to the codifier for inclusion in the book. Terry and I have talked about the need to get something done with this important book but other proposals we looked at were going to require a great deal of his time to get things started. This company takes over from the beginning and will work with him to make sure an accurate document is prepared.

One important thing about this project is once everything is done, the code will be listed on our website. As new ordinances are adopted, the book and website will be updated by City Code. We will also receive printed and bound copies of the ordinances.

I recommend the commission allow Terry and me to proceed with this much needed improvement.

6. The Tourism Advisory Board currently has two vacancies. They have four names to submit to you for consideration as replacements. They are Paula Wallace, Melinda Holloran, Matt and Nicole Stevenson. These individuals would also be excellent choices for the PRIDE committee.

There is still a vacancy on the Planning Commission and Garnett Community Foundation.

7. Listed under claims is to consider a claim submitted by Harold Gilbreth for damages to his basement carpeting because of a sewer back-up. He has brought me the bills, however, I don't have the actual claim form. I went ahead and put this on the agenda in the event he gets the form to me prior to the meeting.

8. On Monday, May 2nd, Lyle Rockers and Son started the first phase of the sewer line replacement working in the alley between First and Second, Maple and Vine. Jay Norco came to Garnett to make sure everything was going as planned with this portion of the work.

The contracts with Insituform have been signed and returned to the company. Jay is anticipating they may want to start some of the repair work along Highway 59 within the next few weeks.

9. The contractor for VYVE started on the transfer of their cable service from the old to the new poles along Walnut Street on Monday, May 2nd. This is actually the date they gave me. I am still waiting for the telephone company to give me some indication as to when they will begin their transfer.

10. Of course this is an exciting week-end in Garnett with the anticipation of Square Fair and Air Fair. A camping group who travels together saw the information about the events and decided to reserve all the spaces on the east side of the north lake. A scouting group will be in the wilderness area on the north side of the lake, a golf tournament benefiting two youth sport teams is scheduled not to mention the many church and family activities that are planned. All of the crews have worked together to help us put our best foot forward.

Susan and Desiree will be in Winfield to attend the Kansas Sampler Festival this week-end. They will be handing out a great deal of information about Garnett and Anderson County to hopefully attract people to come to visit; like what they see and maybe decide to settle here. TOURISM at its best!!

11. The swimming pool will open on Saturday, May 28th. Installation of the new chemical feed system started today (Friday, May 6th) He has started the cleaning process and plans to fill the pool the week of May 9th.

12. Soccer season came to a great conclusion so now it's on to baseball and softball. Garnett is very fortunate to be able to offer so many sports activities. Players don't have to try-out and can sample a variety of programs. Tournaments bring many, many people to town who eat at the restaurants and shop in the retail stores. So don't let anyone tell you that tourism and recreation aren't important. The week-end events attest to that fact.

13. Don't forget the Veteran's banner dedication on Wednesday, May 25th beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the courthouse bandstand. The community band will perform several patriotic songs, the American Legion and VFW color guard, along with the American Legion Riders will attend.

14. Do we have any takers on the League conference?

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