



City Manager's Report

August 28th, 2018

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

The past couple of weeks have been busy with a variety of things. I attended our County Commission meetings and we discussed dates for the City/County Joint Meeting and a concern the Commissioners had regarding a misprint in the paper. Please let me know if either September 17th or 24th work for you. Given Director John Olson's planned upcoming retirement at the end of this year, I have asked that he focus his efforts on training his new staff (recent hire Dever Scott and soon to be employee Rusty Harvey) to ensure as seamless a transition as possible. Therefore, I have placed the Sanitation and Streets and Stormwater Departments under Director Ken Amaya's administrative supervision. We also have a new face in City Hall as Travis Wilson has been hired as our Municipal Court Clerk to replace our retiring Court Clerk Colette McDonell after her forty years of service. I cannot thank Colette enough for the value and smiles she has brought to the City office and our residents over the years – Colette will be greatly missed. Her retirement party will be on her last day, September 7th, from three to five P.M. I met and visited with multiple residents regarding various issues and spoke with our water plant engineer Brian Wintle, who confirmed that KDHE has approved our waste stream summary. We will now work to complete a checklist KDHE has requested of us and design work will begin again. Directors Hart, Wettstein, and I are working on an economic development proposal and are excited to have Mrs. Turnipseed start to enlist her assistance as well. I've spoken with City Attorney Solander about multiple matters and met with department heads regarding their projected 2019 budgets. I spoke with Bettis Asphalt and we are looking at the end of September or the beginning of October for our street work. Director Amaya is working with County Road and Bridge Director Lester Welsh to

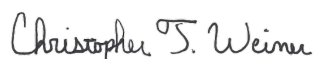
ensure we are prepared for the County to assist us with chip and sealing Walnut and Third when they are ready. Our crews have spent a significant amount of time here recently addressing stormwater drainage issues and trying to improve our drainage system to get the rainwater off of our streets. I worked with them this past Friday to try and get a better understanding of our departmental operations. I plan to try and dedicate at least one day a month that I will work for a specific department to improve my understanding of our operations.

The agenda has multiple minutes to approve due to our special budget meetings and I also expect Mr. Neil Phillips from our auditing firm of Jarred, Gilmore, and Phillips to be here to present the 2017 Audited Financial Statements. I have added a proclamation for Constitution Week to the agenda at the request of Commissioner Brecheisen-Huss and we need to designate our voting delegates for the League annual conference. We have prepared two resolutions to update our bank account signature authorities due to the departure and arrival of employees. Item F is the consideration of a revised agreement with the Kansas City Karting Association as their recent event was rained out and item G is requesting approval for the cereal malt beverage permit for the Anderson County Corn Festival who puts on "Cornstock". We also have a request from the Friends of the Library for a grant of transient guest tax dollars in the amount of \$280 for the Library Christmas Homes Tour. Our bills and payroll this meeting total \$133,491.03.

Our officers will be closed on Labor Day – Monday, September 3rd and I would like to extend an invitation to a training session on managing municipal operations which is part of the League's Municipal Training Institute. This training opportunity is on September 7th in Desoto from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. As part of the State's goal to develop a new statewide transportation plan, they have developed a task force which is traveling around the state holding meetings to determine funding priorities. Our district's meeting will be held in Pittsburg on September 20th at 10 a.m. I will be attending and encourage you to attend as well if you are able.

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