



City Manager's Report

September 24th, 2019

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

This week is an extremely busy week for us as all departments are pitching in on our annual autumn city-wide clean up week. Last week saw our first community steering committee meeting, which I am pleased to report went well. We had good attendance for our first meeting and even had multiple interested community members attend. Our monthly meetings will be on the third Thursday at six (6) in the evening at the Archer Room. We also held our monthly airport board meeting last week and we are wrapping up our master plan revision. We also are submitting a couple of grant applications to the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) for work at the airport. These applications are to lower the City's eventual match in the event we are able to proceed with realizing the airport master plan, as well as to make repairs and HVAC improvements at airport facilities.

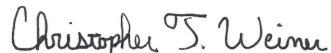
This meeting's agenda is fairly light, although we will have our annual financial audit presentation from Neil Phillips of Jarred, Gilmore, and Phillips. As you will notice in the audit (included in your packet) and as I have previously addressed, we had a good year in 2018, as we saw the City's overall financial position improve by approximately \$1.1 million. All city funds ended 2018 and began this year in good financial standing. Item B is the approval of ordinance 4207, which is the natural gas prepay agreement that you have been discussing for the past few meetings. Item C is the consideration of interested applicants for the steering committee guiding our community visioning process. This cycle's bills and payroll total \$153,628.79.

The local Business and Professional Women's Chapter is interested in hosting a candidate forum for this year's City Commission election if both candidates are interested in participating. I have included in your packet the summary from the Kansas Department of Transportation's

(KDOT's) visioning process that they just went through. Director of Economic Development, Julie Turnipseed, and I attended their regional session in Independence last month. To my understanding, the next round of sessions will be to obtain feedback on funding mechanisms and priorities. We will hold our 2020 public budget hearing to approve the 2020 budget on October 1st at 6:00 P.M. in the City Commission room. The County Commissioners have agreed upon Monday, October 7th as the meeting date for our next joint city/county meeting. It will be held at 6:30 P.M. in the County Annex Building.

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

Sincerely,

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

Christopher T. Weiner, City Manager