



## **City Manager's Report**

October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

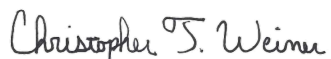
Honorable Mayor Cole and City Commissioners Gwin and Brecheisen-Huss,

I would like to thank you for attending the League of Kansas Municipalities' Annual Conference with me. I think this year's Conference was extremely valuable and I am pleased with the knowledge and tools we were able to bring home with us. Since returning, I have been working on our water plant loan application and our airport master plan project and runway extension project grant application. I've been working with Director of Economic Development Julie Turnipseed on various opportunities and projects and our other department heads on their respective departmental projects. I spoke with the owner of Trade Winds and they will not be requesting another extension of the premises to coincide with the rescheduled Grand Prix event as she expects it to be too cold. They will likely hold an inside event still. Director Mills is in the process of obtaining proposals on our power plant cooling tower replacement. Director Olson is working on quotes and a recommendation for a sludge truck replacement and I've been working with the Ethanol Plant and Bettis Asphalt to schedule our asphalt paving work on Main and Neosho streets. As long as the weather cooperates, the plan is to pave Neosho on Monday and Tuesday next week and Main Street on Friday next week. We have unfortunately received a letter of resignation from one of our new trash department employees as he has obtained a higher paying job elsewhere. With unemployment extremely low and job openings a record high, we are unfortunately struggling to compete from a competitive wage standpoint. I met with a few different residents about a variety of different concerns and Interim City Clerk Hermreck and I met with a Benefits Consultant about how they may possibly replace our existing health insurance broker and provide valuable services to us and our employees.

The agenda is relatively short this meeting with item A being the reappointment of Erin Stevenson to the Garnett Community Foundation Board of Directors. Mrs. Stevenson is the incumbent and has indicated a willingness to continue to serve while no one else has submitted a letter of interest in the position. We have compiled a news release to try and inform the community about the ballot question concerning the move to a five-member City Commission. It is written with the intent to inform, providing an extensive list of pros and cons surrounding both a three-member and a five-member Commission. I do not want this news release to have any type of perceived bias or slant and am seeking your input to make sure you feel it meets the standard of informative only and provide you and the public the opportunity to submit other perceived benefits and negatives surrounding each Commission size which we have not yet mentioned. The last agenda item is the approval of the semi-monthly bills in the amount of \$120,554.92.

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,

Handwritten signature of Christopher T. Weiner in cursive script.

Christopher T. Weiner, City Manager