

GENERAL REPORT  
September 13, 2016

1. John Olson and Jay Norco visited with me after the insituform project was finished on Highway 59. The information provided was very interesting and I thought the commission would like to hear John's report. As previously approved by the governing body, plans will be prepared in 2017 for the repair work to be done in 2018. It was agreed not to do any major repairs in 2017 to allow funds to accumulate in the sewer department fund.

2. The requested changes, as noted in the August 23, 2016 minutes have been made to the proposed 2017 budget. The mill levy has been increased from 42.648 mills for 2016 to 43.007 mills for 2017 which is an increase of .359 mill. Therefore, the total approved budget for 2017 is \$10,720,288. The estimated 2016 budget is \$11,093,672 so projected expenditures for 2017 are down. This is mainly attributed to the fact that payment on the combined utility bond issue is down considerably because the last payment will be made in 2017.

Replacement pages for the mill levy charts and the affected budget funds will be available at the meeting.

3. Listed on the agenda is the annual designation of league voting and alternate delegates. Those people registered for this years' convention are Greg, Gordon, Kristie, Susan and Jenny so you can make your selection from these attendees. While I am registered, I'm not sure if I will attend.

4. In September of 2012, a resolution was signed entering into an agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation to construct a left hand turn lane on Highway 59 and Home Run Drive which is the road that turns into the west side of the Garnett Elementary School. MKEC began preparing the plans and worked on them through September 2014. At that time, the MKEC engineer resigned his position and the project was put on hold. Several months ago I contacted KDOT and asked the status of the project, mainly because it was my understanding that funding might not be available any longer. KDOT requested MKEC engineers to redraw some of the plans which has been completed, presented and approved by KDOT. The project is back on the drawing board with the goal to complete the necessary work next summer. Resolution 9/13/16-1 has been prepared authorizing the execution of supplemental agreement #1 to get the project back on track. KDOT is responsible for 100% of the costs of this project.

5. As requested by the Governing Body, Terry has prepared Resolution 9/13/16-2 for your consideration.

6. Justine Herod, 113 West 12<sup>th</sup> has submitted a claim in the amount of \$63.80 which covers the cost for them to rent an auger to try and unclog their sewer line. A copy of their claim is enclosed. John Olson reports he found the tip of a rodding machine line in the city's main which he believes happened quite some time ago when a property owner was trying to rod their own line.

7. All planned street repair work for 2016 has been completed including a long stretch of road on the east side of the North Lake. Several city crews, under the direction of the street superintendent, worked for several days to install the large, metal culverts under the bridge west of the golf course. These culverts were monitored this past week to make sure they handled the heavy rainfall we've had this past week. Farrel reports no problems.

I saw several people from the Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival Group at the North Lake on Labor Day. C. B. Harris called to express his appreciation of the work done. He said he couldn't thank the city enough for allowing this much of the lake road to be resurfaced this year.

8. Electric crews are working to dismantle as much of the old line along Walnut Street as they can. The cable company has one more pole to remove their service from; however they are waiting on the phone company to do what they need to do to make this transfer. I will meet with VYVE representatives on Monday, September 12 to discuss this project and other matters.

I contacted the telephone company supervisor in charge of their portion of the project trying to get information on when they will transfer their services to the new poles. So far, I haven't been able to get a time table. City electricians will do what they can along Walnut Street then move back to clearing trees from our easements. They reminded me that in about six more weeks, it will be time to turn their attention to Christmas lights and banners.

9. Fall clean-up will start on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Street crews have been picking up some of the large brush piles this week to get a step ahead.

10. Park crews are busy mowing at the cemetery and working to get the north lake ready for Cornstock which is September 24<sup>th</sup>.

10. The new trash truck has been in operation for a week. A few minor problems have been found.

10. This is a busy week-end in town. The city's football jamboree, which involves grades 3 – 6, will be held at the football stadium; Chamber city-wide garage sale is scheduled as is the Community Foundation's Pub-2-Pub.