

GENERAL REPORT

July 26, 2016

1. Desiree Donovan will attend the meeting to discuss a special project that will be held on Saturday, July 30, 2016 to honor our law enforcement officers, fire department personnel and healthcare professionals. This will be held in conjunction with the fire department's BBQ dinner fundraiser. They would like to barricade off Fourth Avenue from the west side of Maloan's to Walnut Street to allow room for the program to be held in the street on the north side of the fire station. Residents in this area will be notified. A copy of the flyer will be available at the meeting.

2. I have been talking to Sgt. Robert McLeod who serves as the police department training officer to make sure we are doing everything we can to protect our officers. I have always believed the City has responded to their requests for safety equipment, training and adequate firearms; however, in light of the recent police officer shootings, I want to make sure we aren't missing something. As we visited about this matter, he and I agreed that a limited conversation needs to be held with the City Commissioners, therefore he agreed to come to the meeting to talk with you. His conversation will be guarded but very informative.

3. The joint neighborhood revitalization resolution, approved by the City Commissioners and the Board of Education, expired on June 30, 2016. This resolution, which was signed in June of 2014, provided for neighborhood revitalization in all areas of the City of Garnett. The County Commissioners did not agree with this and elected to stay with the affected areas as shown on the attached map. Several conversations requesting the county to approve a resolution to include all areas of Garnett have been held at recent joint city/county commission meetings. They have not been willing to change this minds and continue to allow an abatement of county taxes only in the areas shown on the map.

Recently, Susan brought the matter to my attention that the existing resolution has expired. Terry and I talked about the matter and, of course, knew that we would need to approach the city commission and school board on extending the program in its present form. Do you want to approach the county commissioners again or do you believe they are firm in their decision to approve a limited area in the City of Garnett?

4. In light of recent legislative decisions concerning concealed carry regulations, Terry and I believe an update needs to be provided to the city commission on how this affects the city buildings and personnel. At the present time, we have an exemption through the end of 2017 which allows us to keep the signs on the doors at city hall and the library. This exemption was requested to give city staff ample time to determine the expense of installing metal detectors and having personnel at the entrances to these two (2)

buildings. As you can well imagine, the cost to provide the detectors and personnel will be very costly and put a financial strain on our budget.

5. We had a very productive meeting with Debbie Edwards of Kansas Fiber Network. Our main conversation concerned the location of businesses in Garnett that her company felt might be interested in learning more about their services.

I would like for the city to take the lead in this endeavor by inviting business owners, hospital and school officials to attend a meeting to talk with Kansas Fiber Network representatives. Debbie thought this was a great idea. Since the date for the next joint city/county commission meeting has been set, I would suggest that this meeting be held after the commissioners finish their discussions. If we start at 6:00 p.m., we should be done by 7:00 p.m. at which time open discussion can be held about this matter. What are your thoughts?

6. Angela Smith, owner of the Trade Winds Bar & Grill has submitted an application for temporary extension of premises on Saturday, September 24, 2016 from 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. which is after Cornstock. A copy of the application is enclosed. I will make sure that Terry reviews the information when he returns to work on Tuesday so he can answer any questions you might have. The application is in proper form and mirrors the ones they have filed with the city in past years.

7. Listed on the agenda is a claim for damages submitted by Jim Buckley who lives at 1410 South Walnut. Mr. Buckley had another incident of dirty water that caused him to replace his ice maker. The claim is for \$153.52. In August, 2015, Mr. Buckley filed a similar claim that was approved by the Governing Body. I asked the water superintendent if there was some reason this continues to happen in this area. His response was crews found a valve that hadn't been reopened after the August 2015 incident when the lines were flushed. Therefore, the water wasn't circulating properly. This problem has been corrected. It is recommended that Mr. Buckley's claim be approved.

8. Drive around town and you will see a fresh coat of paint on many houses thanks to the Garnett Area Paint Project workers. This group arrived in Garnett on Sunday, July 17th and began painting, replacing porches and ramps on Monday. Despite the extreme heat, they kept at their tasks to complete the long work list. Several of them went to the swimming pool and were also invited to go to the recreation center. As always, Mayor Gwin visited each housing location thanking the workers for their help. This local effort was coordinated by Chris Goetz and Scott Rogers. Local businesses benefitted from the project too as paint and lumber were purchased at their stores. The city,

county, businesses, organizations and individuals donated funds to help with the expense.

City street crews will haul off the old lumber and debris. They have also been very busy helping Mr. Goetz with hauling off a tremendous amount of limbs from the disc golf course that is being built at the North Lake. I really like the removal of trees on the north side of the lake and it appears to open up a walkway through the cedar trees. They have also cleaned up a great deal of overgrowth

9. As you requested, Charmaine Messick has received signed consents from all the businesses on Oak Street between Fourth and Fifth as well as those on Fourth Avenue agreeing to the closing of the street in front of their business on Saturday, July 13th from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

10. I am enclosing a letter from the League's Executive Director giving you an update on how Senator Tyson and Representative Kevin Jones responded to issues that affect our city.

11. Budget preparation for 2017 is going pretty well. At the suggestion of our auditors, I have been talking to an individual from the Kansas Municipal Services Team about the ethanol plant situation.

12. Crews continue to work from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. When it is already 85 – 90 degrees at 5:00 a.m., there really isn't much sense to start working earlier. They know what to do to make sure they are well hydrated and to take frequent breaks if needed.

13. It will be necessary to have a short executive session at the end of the meeting. I would suggest 30 minutes.

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