



City Manager's Report

February 25, 2020

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

Hopefully, this crazy Kansas winter is mostly behind us now. All departments have been busy assisting with snow removal and a variety of large projects; I think it is safe to say that everyone here is ready for Spring. It doesn't seem possible that we are already gearing up for the 2021 budget, but I am in the process of creating the budget documents and I will be asking for your availability for budget workshops as early as possible. We are also needing to schedule a time to continue with our review of the updated Municipal Code. This information is extremely important and will be valuable for both staff and residents who have questions concerning current City Code.

Over the past couple of weeks, I attended the County Commission, ACDA, Housing Authority, and Community Foundation meetings and had good discussions with all. We also continued our weekly Life Skills presentations to our local high school seniors. I also plan to attend the Ribbon Cutting for the ACH Senior Life Solutions, and the Groundbreaking for the US 169 highway project later on this week. Water Plant Operator Brian Dykes and I met with our new Water Plant Engineer last week as we continue to move forward with the new plant's design. I am still negotiating with landowners for the land conversion needed to move to the next phase of planning. We contacted County Clerk Julie Wettstein about the dates for Spring City Wide Clean Up, April 13th – 17th, and she did not see an issue but was forwarding the information on to the landfill to be certain.

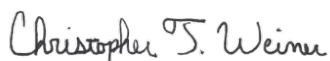
After a busy week of interviews, we have hired three new employees. Two for the Public Works Department; Timothy Cornett and Dakota Beers, and Patrick Schettler as our new Airport Manager. As you know, Mr. Schettler has been our Airport Board Chairman and as he has accepted this new position, he has resigned his position on the Board – thereby creating an additional vacancy. I received an email from one of the Anderson County High School students in

attendance at our last meeting, Mr. Zachary Barnes, expressing his interest in the Student Representative position. I have included his application in this packet for your consideration and I informed that he may be able to take his position, if appointed, the night of our meeting. The Steering Committee will meet again on the 20th, as we continue to make progress toward process of lining out the guidelines for the committee. City Clerk Wilson and I are meeting with FEMA representatives on Friday to complete the Recovery Scope from the storm damage in May of last year. City Clerk Wilson and I have also been spending a considerable amount of time completing various applications and surveys for potential new property insurance coverage. We have been working with Trustpoint to get quotes for our various properties and equipment.

The first action item on the agenda is the consideration of appointment of a new Student Representative. As I mentioned earlier, we have received one application for this which is included in your packet. The second item on the agenda is the consideration of appointments for the two vacant positions on the Airport Advisory Board. One vacancy was left from Mr. Zimmerman, the other is the vacancy that will be left when Mr. Schettler takes his position as Airport Manager. We have three applications for the two vacancies, all applications are included in your packet. Finally, is the consideration of the bills and payroll in the amount of \$119,019.62.

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