

GENERAL REPORT

June 27, 2017

1. In looking at last year's notes, Charmaine and Raymond Messick asked for permission to close Oak Street between Fourth and Fifth Avenues and close the one-way parking lot from Oak down to the crosswalk on the south side of the courthouse. The commission approved this request with the understanding that the Messicks obtain written consent from each business in the affected area that it was okay to close the street and one-way. She will discuss a rain date with the County Commissioners and would like your approval on the road closures.

2. The 2017 League Annual Conference will be September 16-18, 2017 at the Century II Convention Center in Wichita. Do any of the commissioners and spouses plan to attend?

3. I call your attention to the article "Economic Impact of Tourism in Kansas" in this month's Kansas Government Journal magazine. It gives a very good overview of why we need to realize the importance of local tourism efforts.

4. Donations for the fireworks continue to come in. Approximately \$1,700 has been received so far. Additionally, members of the Lions Club have offered to help us man the gates to take donations. The Life Assembly of God Church will have a food booth and games for the kids, the community band will play and Everett Cox will DJ the festivities. Hopefully, this will continue to be a great community event. Mark your calendars – Saturday, July 1st.

City offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th.

5. I had hoped to have two (2) ordinances for your review but Terry has been gone so this will be delayed until the next meeting.

6. Work on the 2018 budget is progressing. I need to talk to the county treasurer to make sure I understand what is going on with the ethanol plant this year.

7. Special thanks to power plant and electric distribution crews for the many hours they spent last week-end wrestling with the power outages. Thanks also to Roy Salazar who responded to my request for help at the plant. For the most part, I believe our residents and business owners understood these outages were beyond our control given all the storm damage that occurred around us. Street crews are spending today clearing limbs.

PROJECT UPDATE REPORT

A. Electric line along Walnut Street – Century Link contractors continue to install cable to relocate phone services to the new poles.

B. Water Plant – Plant personnel have been experiencing problems with the back wash pump. It is my opinion that we can't wait any longer to replace this equipment, therefore Jim is asking for bids.

Because of the extreme warm temperatures, we are having problems with algae and bacteria growth in the clear wells. Jim James started a free chlorine burn on Wednesday, June 21st to help take care of these problems. This procedure has been approved by the Kansas Department of Health. Users may detect taste and odor but the water is safe to consume.

In addition, water distribution crews will begin flushing fire hydrants throughout town. This will take approximately one (1) month to complete. Butch has prepared a plan for crews to follow on an annual basis.

C. Outflow Meter location – I presented an alternate plan to County Road foreman Lester Welsh. He will talk with the County Commissioners on Monday to get their approval.

D. Street repair – Killough is set to complete the approved work, including a portion of Sixth Avenue.

Just a suggestion for 2018. The commission needs to consider resurfacing Cleveland Street. Attempts to fix the seams in this street have proven to be ineffective and a waste of money.

E. Personnel policies – We are still refining a few sections.

F. Skate park – Waiting for Jeremy to let me know what equipment the skate boarders would like to have.

G. Sidewalks – Street crews finished their portion of the work on the south side of the courthouse. We are ready for Lickteig Construction to start replacing the curb. I hope this can be finished by the holiday week-end.

A few residential sidewalks are being replaced. Once Lickteig finishes the curb on Fifth Avenue, I plan to talk with him about installing ADA ramps in some of the residential areas.

As with any project, it seems crews always find something underground that needs to be repaired. While removing the sidewalk at 5th and Main, street crews uncovered a rather large hole that runs parallel to the storm water pipe. Therefore, a larger pipe needs to be put in the ground from Main across the street to the south to keep the road from caving in. This project won't be started until the curbing is done.

H. AWOS – Gary Ecclefield reported that the unit was replaced with a used model of the same brand. Pilots have been able to access this equipment from Burlington which is good news. Now that Air Fair Day is behind us, Pat Schettler plans to start studying again.

I. Code book – Not sure what to do about this. We need to get the code book updated and on line. Terry doesn't have time to do this so I'm going to see what else can be done.

J. Advisory Boards – Still working on ACDA and Airport. Several names were suggested at the Airport Advisory meeting. Members will contact these individuals.

K. New playground – Looking for grants.

L. South bound turn lane on Highway 59 – Waiting for KDOT approval.

M. Area below the spillway at the North Lake – Nothing new to report.

N. Southbound turn lane on Highway 59 – All documents sent to KDOT for approval so start date can be determined.

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