

GENERAL REPORT
November 22, 2016

1. Many city employees and people in the community are sad to hear that Pastor Ron Jones of the First Baptist Church and his wife Susie will be leaving Garnett the first part of December. Ron has been such a strong community advocate and has worked alongside many of the employees and others during the Harvesters's food event each month. Some of these people asked if there was anything we could do to honor and thank Ron for his involvement in the food distribution and the summer youth feeding program. It is estimated that, over a three (3) year period of time, his efforts have helped over 3,000 households in Anderson County to receive food that is badly needed by so many people. I know there are many other community endeavors he participates in but these two (2) projects are the ones city employees know the most about.

I took the suggestion to heart and have asked Ron and his wife to attend the meeting Tuesday night. A special plaque from the city employees and city commissioners has been made and will be presented at that time.

2. Betts Abraham would like to be reappointed to another three (3) year term on the Housing Authority Board. This will be her second term. The Housing Authority Board recommends her appointment.

3. ACDA met this week and considered names to fill the vacant positions on their board. They contacted John Wilson who is a local attorney (semi-retired) and he would like to serve. I talked with him as well and he said economic development is something he has a great interest in. He is a city resident and I would highly recommend him for this board. There is another city resident they are talking to for the second vacancy.

4. City Attorney Solander has prepared Ordinance #4163 to adopt the standard traffic ordinance. Ordinance #4164 will adopt the uniform public offense code. This is something we request the commission's consideration of almost every year. Terry will explain the changes that have occurred from the existing codes to the new ones.

5. Both Terry and I completed one last review of the pole attachment agreement between the City and Kansas Fiber Net. There were a couple of items that needed to be changed. I contacted their attorney to discuss these matters and received her approval. So we are okay with the agreement in its present form. Resolution 11/22/16-1 has been prepared authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the document on behalf of the city.

6. Resolution 11/22/16-2 deals with an agreement with Vyve. Our current franchise agreement expired on November 8, 2016 and Vyve is requesting your consideration of this new agreement. There are some legal issues Terry will discuss with you at the meeting.

7. After the last meeting, I gave you a great deal of information relating to the claim submitted by Chris Kanawyer for the loss of food after his utility services were disconnected. Mr. Kanawyer still hasn't submitted a list of lost food. That being said, it would not make any difference in my or Terry's recommendation that the claim be denied. Pat Tate and Andy Frye will attend the meeting to answer any questions you might have.

8. At the last meeting, some questions were asked about the city's trout program. I discussed these issues with Phil and he advises me that two (2) more shipments of fish will be received, one on November 28th and another one on February 8, 2017. Apparently some misunderstandings have occurred because the fishermen believe the fish are to be 10-15 inches. There is nothing in our agreement with the state that has this requirement. This has been verified with the Department of Wildlife & Parks. Their only requirement is we must spend \$5,000 annually on our program. Phil has talked to the fish provider and asked that bigger fish be provided if at all possible.

I understand that some of the fisherman have questioned why the fish are no longer tagged which allowed for participants to win prizes. That was done by the city when the trout program first started. Since the state has taken over this program for us, they do not provide tags. Hopefully this information clears up any misunderstandings.

9. Over the next two (2) weeks city staff will be heavily involved in the new utility billing conversion. A great deal of preparation is being done now so we will be ready for the Tyler Technologies staff to arrive on November 28th. I hope we have planned everything well enough so utility bills can be mailed on time.

10. I visited today with the construction company engineer about the transfer of their service to the new poles on Walnut Street. He had a few questions left to be answered and plans to submit his recommendations and drawing to CenturyLink.

11. Jim James and I met with the PEC engineers to discuss the new water plant plans. Some minor revisions need to be made then I believe they will be ready to make a presentation to the commission. I am working on the financial side of this project, contacting our financial advisor, the Department of Health and USDA about loans and grants.

11. City Hall and city services will be closed on November 24th and 25th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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