



City Manager's Report

March 27th, 2018

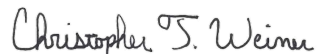
Honorable Mayor Cole and City Commissioners Gwin and Brecheisen-Huss,

Over the past two weeks we have seen a couple of employees leave the City and we have celebrated the service of a couple of long-term employees as well. Deputy Director of Community Development and Chamber Director Desiree Donovan and Wastewater Operator Les Garber have both left the City. Les retired after almost forty (40) years of service so we recognized his service as well as Deputy City Clerk and Court Clerk Colette McDonnell as she reached her fortieth (40th) year anniversary. We also held a employee appreciation luncheon this past week to recognize the efforts of our terrific staff. Most of my time the past couple of weeks has been geared toward converting over our existing budget to the new budget numbers. Human Resources Director Nancy Hermreck has been invaluable in this process as well as she has put in numerous hours helping to build out the conversion documents. After talking with Tyler Technologies, our software company, we expect to complete the conversion this next week. Nancy and I also met with representatives from Truss Advantage to discuss other potential options for healthcare insurance next year. I believe it is in our best interest to consider some options other than fully insured plans. As I previously mentioned, if we end up going away from a fully insured plan, we will need to institute some incentives and/or restrictions for our employees in an effort to modify behaviors. This is the second group we've met with looking into this route and plan to look into at least one more. We are starting on it now so that we should have a plan in place for 2019 budget discussions. Additionally, we've been working on getting ourselves ready to open the Recreation Center for twenty-four (24) hour access. Along with this process, we are looking into a keyless entry system not just for the Recreation Center, but also for all City facilities.

As you know, I've put together a few different options as far as possible rate structures for water service. If you have the opportunity to review the information prior to Tuesday, please let me know if you have a preference so that if possible I can put together an ordinance for approval with the right numbers if they are different than what has been previously proposed on the ordinance presented last meeting. Item B is a proclamation declaring April as Fair Housing Month in Garnett. This particular proclamation is required for some grants. Item C is regarding Mr. Solander's claim for damages to his property which was damaged via the water leak at the end of December. This is the same property where we had a claim from Mr. Weiss for lost wages at his barber shop as Mr. Solander is Mr. Weiss's landlord. My main concern with this claim is the labor cost submitted from Mr. Andy Frye as the amount of hours spent seem rather high. However, after visiting with Mr. Solander and Mr. Frye regarding the situation and the amount of work involved, it does not seem quite as excessive. As previously stated, we will make sure to utilize techniques learned during this experience to hopefully prevent a similar scenario in the future. Item D is again on the agenda as the plan has slightly changed and I just wanted to brief you on the new plan and address any concerns you may have. We are still going to utilize the lot across from the utility shop a previously planned, however, rather than just a fenced in area and a light pole, the County now wishes to construct a structure to house the vehicles. The structure will be of a pole barn design and will be large enough for both County and City seized vehicles. The County will pay for the structure and we will wire the facility and provide utilities. The bills are not quite completed as of finishing this report and we will send them out once finished.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions and I appreciate the opportunity to serve you and this wonderful community as your City Manager.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christopher T. Weiner".

Christopher T. Weiner, City Manager