



## **City Manager's Report**

March 10, 2020

Honorable Mayor Brecheisen-Huss, and City Commissioners Cole and Gwin,  
Welcome to March! Springtime brings with it many plans for our local events. We have already seen several TGT applications for our normal events and we are expecting more later this month. The warmer weather also brings us the opportunity to wrap up some projects that have been delayed due to the wet, cold weather. Several departments are working together to clear brush, repair water issues, fill potholes, and prepare for the severe weather season. City Clerk Wilson has taken the lead on updating our Emergency Action Plan for severe weather. In preparation of this, City Staff participated in the State Wide Tornado drill on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Department Heads will meet with Anderson County Emergency Management Director JD Mersman on Friday to iron out specifics for the plan and to hold a follow-up meeting to the Tornado Drill.

City Staff have several meetings and conferences this month. Travis, Kurt, Ray, Susan, Nancy, and myself will be traveling to Wichita this week to attend the Your Leadership Edge program, part of the Leadership Transformation Grant we received from the Kansas Leadership Center (KLC). This is the first course in the grant program. Four members from our water department will be attending the three-day Kansas Rural Water Association's Annual Conference later this month. This conference always has a plethora of training classes and opportunities to expand our knowledge in the fields of water and wastewater. Rusty Harvey, one of our utility plant operators will also be testing for his Class II wastewater license at this conference. Officer Donovan will be attending the KACE (Kansas Association of Code Enforcement) at the end of this month. This is a two-day training that will train our staff on the creation, maintenance, and enforcement of city codes.

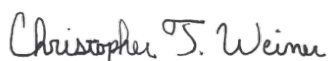
I have placed the consideration of a claim for damages from Ken and Michelle Miller as the first discussion item on the agenda. The Millers are claiming reimbursement for damages caused from electrical fluctuations at the end of December. Superintendent Hart explained to me that the neutral connection on the transformer that supplies power to the property mechanically

failed due to age. We thankfully do not frequently have these type of failures as we have been actively replacing these older style component parts with more durable parts. In the event you decide to honor this request, I recommend subtracting \$19.00 from the total request of \$824.00 for a total reimbursement of \$805. This is due to removing the cost of replacing the filters in the heating system, as the filters would not have been impacted by the electrical problem. Item B is the consideration of a TGT application from the Anderson County Fair Board. The Tourism Committee discussed this application at length at their special meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup>. I attended the meeting and have included a copy of the TGT documentation and minutes from the Tourism meeting for your review. The Tourism Committee voted to recommend \$2,800 of the \$4,000 for the Marketing portion of the Fair Board's request. The Committee also voted to approve \$1,200 of the \$2,500 requested for the Non-Marketing portion of the TGT Application. As stated in the minutes, the determination comes from the budgetary constraints and expectation of requests for the Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival and Cornstock, among others, yet this year. This is being presented to you for the final say in the TGT funding of the event(s). The consideration of appointing Jason Hoskinson as our official City Engineer is item C. This is a follow-up discussion after our meeting in early February with Jason. Next, we have for your consideration Ordinance number 4209, which authorizes the execution of the loan agreement with the State of Kansas to fund the new water treatment facility. It obviously is paired with the next item, the loan agreement which spells out the terms. The agreement locks in an extremely low 1.62% interest rate on the \$13,696,835.00 loan. We may pay the loan off early without penalty, if able. This loan has a twenty-year payback, with annual payments totaling \$804,512.52. The last business item is the approval of the semi-monthly bills and payroll in the amount of \$191,076.12.

February's Employee of the Month is Betty Jasper. Betty goes above and beyond every day to make sure city facilities are kept in top shape. Betty is always friendly and positive, she is a true delight to be around!

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,



Christopher T. Weiner, City Manager