

## GENERAL REPORT

April 12, 2016

1. Jay Narco and John Olson will attend the meeting to discuss the two (2) sets of bids received for the next phase of the sewer repair improvements. I am calling this work the third and fourth phases; first phase was having a camera crew inspect approximately 2,887 feet of sewer and the second phase was purchasing a camera that John and his crew can use whenever there are problems. As you can tell from Jay's e-mail we were very pleased and pleasantly surprised at the amount of the bids, especially the one for the CIPP lining. Together, the two (2) project bids fall under the amount of funds set aside by the commission during the 2016 budget process.

A company representative from Insituform USA attended the bid opening. John and I were impressed with his knowledge of the process and the company's resume. Jay is very familiar with this company and notes in his e-mail that they are an industry leader in the area of CIPP lining.

2. Terry continues to review the franchise agreement with KsFibreNet. He needs to do some additional research on the requirements to approve this type of agreement. He also wants to talk with the assistant city manager in Pittsburg as they had a clause added to their agreement which Terry would like to include in Garnett's. He will make a report at the meeting with plans to have everything ready for the commission to review and possibly sign at the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

3. I listed the PRIDE information on the agenda for a discussion item in case the commission had any questions or comments on the results of the survey and whether or not you want to become a PRIDE community again.

4. Terry and I would like to have a one hour executive session to discuss personnel.

5. Work at the depot has been completed on the bathrooms and the outside trim and windows. Don Edgerton did a great job and will start on the back of the stadium as soon as his work schedule allows.

I have also hired Don to install new ceiling tiles in the Town Hall Center as this building was beginning to show signs of wear and tear. Street department crews gave the walls a new coat of paint and new tile will be laid after the ceiling is replaced.

6. We have been experiencing some vandalism in the north park. The newest bathroom, trash bins and back of the stadium was painted with graffiti. Luckily, most of the graffiti was removed. The individuals were caught and will be required to pay for all damages. The county's buildings on the fair grounds were also the victim of paint and broken windows.

7. Some of the department heads and I have been reviewing the adopted 2016 budget to determine what equipment needs were approved. Of major importance is doing a lease/purchase on a new trash truck. John Helms and Ray Arnett have looked at one they believe will handle our needs. They have also been driving a demonstrator the last few days to have something to compare to.

We have been trying to find some reasonably priced pick-ups as these were approved for electric distribution and water and gas.

The park department is pricing trailers to find one that will haul at least two (2) mowers at a time.

This has brought about discussion on the 2017 budget. Besides the normal street work, please let me know of any other capital improvement items that you want included.

We still don't know the impact the ethanol plant will have on our tax supported funds. Hopefully this issue will be resolved prior to the beginning of the budget process.

8. Bids for demolition of the old church furnishing building will be opened on Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

9. Spring clean-up starts on Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Street crews have done some preliminary brush pick-up to get ahead. The city's clean-up goes from Monday through Friday, however the county's free dump week is Monday through Saturday.

10. This will be a busy week-end in town as the spring garage sale event, sponsored by the Chamber, always brings many people to town. Many of the sales started today. Restaurants and convenience stores are usually packed and hopefully the retail businesses have advertised specials that will bring people into their stores.

At The Walker Open Exhibition will be held on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be a reception from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Archer Room. This is the second juried art show and will showcase approximately 50 different works of art. Please stop by if you have time.

Soccer is always played on Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Three fields are used. Phil reports that he had a total of 244 kids sign up this year.

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