



City Manager's Report

August 13, 2019

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

As this summer starts winding down, we've been trying to finish up a lot of ongoing projects and continue to make progress on others. Last week Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips completed our annual Audit. I hope to receive their formal audit findings within the next couple of months. As you may have noticed, repairs on the North Lake Road are almost complete. Director of Public Works Amaya and I met with Erin Allen from Midland GIS this week regarding potentially having our water and electric systems electronically mapped this year. As we discussed during last year's budget workshops, we will see here in a couple of months if we have the available budget room for these projects before we proceed. I attended the County Commission meeting and discussed both the Neosho road situation and the FEMA grant for storm shelters/sirens with them. Commissioner Les McGhee was absent from the meeting while Commissioners Howarter and Pracht indicated that they would need to speak with County Counselor James Campbell again regarding the jurisdictional concerns of enforcing the speed limit on Neosho road. Additionally, I suggested possibly swapping maintenance responsibilities with the County on Neosho Road and Fourth Avenue (from Scheckel's Tire to Highway 169). Both Commissioners took the position that such a swap was proposed by Commissioner McGhee but that such a swap may not be something that the rest of the County Commission is interested in. I will follow up at their next meeting. As for the storm shelters or sirens, the County Commission is still interested in partnering on constructing two storm shelters in Garnett – however, they were not on the sirens. I suggested the alternative locations of potentially using the Anderson County Historical Museum and Irving School, however Emergency Management Director J.D. Mersman was concerned with ownership issues. The County Commissioners also preferred the two locations proposed by Mr. Mersman, at

the Recreation Center and the Trail Depot, as they shared Mr. Mersman's concerns and were also concerned about parking. I also met with the Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors regarding the budget and personnel. Director Bob Mills and I attended a presentation this week from Mike Wech, the Administrator of the Southwestern Power Administration (SPA) where we purchase part of our electricity. We met with the Long Cedar Disc Golf Club to finalize an agreement for park use. I believe we are extremely close and hope to have the agreement on the agenda at our next meeting. I met with Director Wettstein, Chief Tate, Director Giczewski and Director Hix about brush and nuisance violations in the alleyways across town. We will be publishing a notice in the local newspaper (prior to sending out letters to those in violation) reminding property owners of their responsibility to maintain their back yards and to prevent trees and brush from encroaching into the alleyways. As you know, Director of Public Works Ken Amaya has resigned his position with the City, and so we will begin the process of looking for his replacement. Director Amaya has accomplished some terrific things in his time with the City and I appreciate his services – he will be missed.

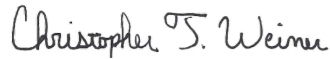
On the agenda this meeting are a few familiar topics. The first two items are ordinances adopting the new Standard Traffic Ordinance (STO) and Uniform Public Offense Code (UPOC). These are documents that are updated every year based on changes made in state legislation. The City has traditionally updated the STO and UPOC at least every other year. As we did not update them last year, I believe it would be appropriate to incorporate the changes now. You can see the updated documents in your packet. The third item is the consideration of resolution updating the water conservation plan for the City. This is a plan that the City already has in place, however, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) is requiring us to update our plan as part of obtaining approval for our new water plant project. Item D is a proclamation declaring September 17th through the 23rd, as Constitution Week in Garnett. Item E is regarding the proposed street work for this year. As you can see on the proposals, I believe there is really only one proposal that comes in at a competitive price worth considering, the proposal from Bettis Asphalt. With our limited resources for transportation improvements, every year is challenging; however, this year is especially so given the north lake bridge repair that we have had to make. Unfortunately, we did not receive the special round of FAA funding for the airport so we plan to

move forward with the KDOT grant for crack sealing on the runway in the amount of \$40,500, with our local match being \$4,500. This project will need to be completed within two years, although I hope to complete it this year. Item F is the review of interested applicants for the Steering Committee and the possible appointment of members to serve on that committee if you so desire. The next to last item is setting (or announcing) a budget workshop date(s). This cycle's total for bills and payroll total \$219,471.06.

This month's Employee of the Month is Brian Maloan. Brian is an excellent choice for this award as he often works behind the scenes to keep our parks and cemetery looking pristine. Brian handles the mowing schedule for the parks department and both his supervisor and co-workers have nothing but praise for his dedication. Brian is humble and is always willing to help when needed. Thank you Mr. Maloan for your outstanding work ethic.

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,

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

Christopher T. Weiner, City Manager