

GENERAL REPORT

May 9, 2017

1. A representative from ECKAN will be present for the reading and signing of the Proclamation declaring May as Community Action Month.
2. Enclosed are three (3) transient guest tax applications and copies of the Tourism Advisory Board minutes for April 12 and May 3, 2017. Please read the section of these minutes pertaining to the transient guest tax applications. At their April 12th meeting, the Tourism Advisory Board voted unanimously not to recommend approval of the Fair Association's non-marketing grant to help cover the cost of a carnival. When this decision was relayed to Jess Rockers, President of the Fair Association, he requested an opportunity to speak to me then to Tom Emerson, Chairman of the Tourism Advisory Board. We both agreed to listen to him. Their marketing application was not in proper form, therefore consideration of that application and reconsideration of the non-marketing application was tabled until Tourism's May 3, 2017 meeting.

In a nut shell, the Tourism Advisory Board again voted unanimously not to approve the Fair's non-marketing application. Their marketing application was reduced from \$4,000 to \$2,800.

The original amount requested by the Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival application was \$2,700 however only \$1,300 was approved.

I have marked the amounts approved and those that weren't on the two (2) marketing applications.

You will note in the May 3rd minutes that the board plans to discuss capping the amount an organization can ask for. While we have never run out of money, there are more requests crossing Susan's desk and the organizations are asking for more funding. In addition, we never know how much money will be received each quarter. The last amount received in May was the lowest it's been since 2013.

Tom Emerson, Jr. will attend your meeting to answer any questions you might have. The Fair Board members were given the date and time of your meeting.

3. Resolution 5/9/17-1 has been prepared to make sure proper procedures are followed at the Patriot's Bank as far as the Municipal Court bank account is concerned. Terry thought it best to have a separate resolution for the court account.
4. The Garnett Community Foundation Board members would like to recommend the appointment of Gary Teel to fill one of their vacancies. Gary would like to serve.

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5. Planning Commission will meet on May 18, 2017 to discuss the definition of a “depository” as shown in an O-I zone.

PROJECT UPDATE REPORT

A. Electric line along Walnut Street – As I expected, there is nothing new to report.

B. Water Plant – Continuing to work on grant application with Kansas Rural Water.

C. Outflow Meter – Device has been received and engineers are scheduling a crew to complete installation sometime this month.

D. Water rights – Information on Fairbanks Engine pumps has now been submitted to the Kansas Department of Water Resources. They have acknowledged receipt of the information with an explanation that it will be reviewed once the state’s engineer has time.

E. Street repair – Scheduled with Killough Construction.

F. Personnel policies – Please review the latest revisions. Terry and I will soon be ready to go over these with you.

G. Skate park – Jeremy will report on Pizza Hut and Krispy Kreme fund raisers. My personal feelings about this whole thing is Jeremy is doing most of the work trying to raise funds. I don’t believe he is receiving too much support from the group of skate boarders. Just my observation.

H. Sidewalks – Street Superintendent Farrel King and Bill Lickteig have scheduled the work on the south side of the courthouse after the car show that will be held on June 3rd.

I. AWOS – Pat Schettler continues to work on getting certified.

J. Code book – revisions made; just need to be reviewed which can take a considerable amount of time. City Code has questioned where we are in the process.

J. Advisory Boards – still need one person each for Airport and Economic Development Boards. Two (2) vacancies on the Foundation Board. Once retired, I would like to be considered as a member of the Foundation Board because of

the Sensory Park grant application and my interest in raising funds for the community.

K. New playground – Pathways to a Healthy Kansas grant application was submitted on Friday, May 5, 2017. Keep your fingers crossed.

L. South bound turn lane on Highway 59 – Bid opening has been changed to June 6th here at city hall. Results will be discussed at the June 13th meeting.

M. Area below the spillway at the North Lake – Trying to find time to do work on this.

N. Nutrient renewal process – need to keep this in mind for future budgets and possible sewer rate increase to customers.

O. Water tower painting – Moved to 2018 budget file.

P. Park Department – Mowing of the cemetery and parks is in full swing. We want everything to look nice prior to Square Fair and Mother’s Day. Following that, the big push will be to get the cemetery ready for Memorial Day and the Avenue of Flags.

Considerable high water damage was done at the Cedar Valley Reservoir. The gates have been closed since April 30, 2017 because of high water and now because of all the logs that washed ashore. I imagine that some of the roads will need to be bladed and/or graveled. This is pretty much what happens whenever we get large amounts of rain.

Don’t forget to mark your calendars for the May 25, 2017 for the second Garnett Remembers event. Susan and Desiree are working on another outstanding event that will feature the community band, KC Bettys, patriotic music provided by Everett Cox and recognition of the this year’s honorees. A total of 146 banners have been ordered over the two year span.

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