



City Manager's Report

October 8th, 2019

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

As you know, we spent most of the last couple of weeks working on city-wide cleanup and then preparing for one of our largest annual community events, Cornstock. Unfortunately, due to the significant threat of sustained severe weather, the event was cancelled this year. While we are disappointed in this outcome, the decision was obviously made with the event goers' safety in mind. We certainly appreciate the time and effort that this local organization, the Anderson County Corn Festival (ACCF), put into this tremendous event and we are looking forward to continuing to support and host Cornstock in our community for years to come. I would also like to recognize all of our City departments for the excellent work they put in sprucing up the north lake park, our camping areas, and other areas throughout town in preparation for this event and the influx of visitors. We now turn our attention to the upcoming Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival (LGGPR) and are looking forward to hosting this wonderful community event as well. Like the ACCF organizers, I cannot thank enough the organizers of the LGGPR, most of whom live outside of our community, for putting on this annual event. Both events bring thousands of people to our community and we sincerely appreciate and enjoy their efforts. Also this past week saw Garnett be a host site for the Kansas Air Tour. I cannot commend out Airport Board Chairman Pat Schettler enough for the tremendous work and effort he put into this event as he was the primary organizer and coordinator for all of the day's festivities. We hosted over forty (40) airplanes and had tremendous community turnout including multiple classes from our local schools. I believe this event was a tremendous success and it will also hopefully result in pilots returning to our airport and community in the future, while also exhibiting to KDOT leadership (KDOT Aviation Director Bob Brock was present) our need for runway improvements.

Over the past couple of weeks, I attended our monthly Work Keys meeting which is a workforce development program that is being spearheaded by Director of Economic Development Julie Turnipseed. We will hold the Launch and Celebration of Anderson County becoming a Work Ready Community at the Courthouse Lawn Gazebo on Tuesday, October 15th at noon. Your presence at the launch and celebration would be greatly appreciated if you can make it. I recently met with Jason Hoskinson of BG Consultants to discuss KDOT's new Cost Share Program and the possibility of Garnett utilizing this program for sidewalk expansion. We have already applied via this program for another grant possibility at the airport as I explained at the last meeting. We were specifically discussing the possibility of sidewalk expansion along Maple Street to the elementary school and along First Avenue and Cleveland Street to the high school.

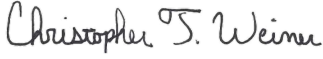
On this agenda you will notice a Proclamation designating October 21st – 25th as National Business Women's Week. This is a Proclamation that we have designated for many years at the recommendation of the Garnett Business and Professional Women Organization. Item B is the consideration of a special use permit to convert vacant land at the old Taylor Forge location (southeast area) to a recreational vehicle (RV) park. Mr. Freddy Partida is the applicant and his application passed the planning commission unanimously. You will also see the consideration of reappointing Ron Zimmerman to the Housing Authority Board. We have advertised online and in local newspapers for this expiring term and received no interested applicants. Mr. Zimmerman has indicated a willingness to serve another term. This cycle's total of bills and payroll amount to \$195,915.67.

As I referenced earlier in my report and at the last meeting, we have applied for additional grants to hopefully be able to complete our airport master plan. I have attached a breakdown of anticipated costs in the event we were to be awarded any of the applied for grants. I had a good conversation with Bob Brock (KDOT's Director of Aviation) and expect that we have a competitive application. This month's Employee of the Month is Nancy Hermreck. Nancy is an integral part of the City's front office as the Deputy City Clerk and Director of Human Resources. She is a hard worker and is always willing to step up to help out anybody when needed. She was vital in completing the difficult budget conversion process that we recently completed as well as in preparing for the annual financial audit. On November 17th, from 1:30 to 1:45 p.m. Union Pacific Railroad is going to have their Big Boy Steam Locomotive here in Garnett at the Olive Street crossing. Big Boy is steam locomotive

number 4014 and is the world's only operating Big Boy locomotive.

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 black ink that reads "Christopher T. Weiner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'C'.

Christopher T. Weiner, City Manager