



## **City Manager's Report**

July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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

I would like to thank Heather Giczewski, Troop Leader for Garnett Cub Scout Pack 3126, for bringing some Cub Scouts to City Hall last week to learn about their local government. Our local Cub Scouts asked some terrific questions and I encourage them to stay engaged in their community and local government. There is a benefit ride coming up to benefit our local Cub Scout Troop and I encourage our entire community to participate. The City has donated a couple of camping passes to be auctioned off at the ride in support of our local Cub Scouts. I would also like to thank Kansas Governor Jeff Colyer, and his staff, and the numerous community members who attended the meeting with the Governor, for participating in a discussion here in Garnett about improving our economic prosperity. I would also like to thank Director of Community Development, Susan Wettstein, for her diligent work in securing for our community the designation of being a Qualified Opportunity Zone. This designation will prove to be another valuable tool in our economic development efforts here in Garnett. Without Susan's tireless work, we would not have had this designation and development tool or have had the opportunity to meet with the Governor.

In contrast to the last meeting, this agenda is fairly loaded with quite a few items: Items A through C are our customary resolutions granting Trade Winds a premises extension and closing the street in front of their facility. Item D is the consideration of the Economic Development Agreement with Anderson County. This is the same agreement that was provided to you at the Joint City/County Meeting. I believe the County Commission is slated to approve the agreement on the Monday prior to our meeting, Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Item E is the

consideration of an agreement with the Garnett Enduro Club for their September races. This has been previously discussed but was tabled until we had a City Code discussion dealing with trash fees and whether we waive those for events or not. We have previously waived the fees in most other cases, but this particular agreement has historically required the group to pay for trash fees. Item F is the designation of myself as the signature authority for the Garnett Industrial Airport. This is necessary for me to sign on behalf of the airport for our agreements such as our farmland lease and to sign to accept the grant. Item G is authorizing me to execute the acceptance of the grant from the Federal Aviation Administration. With item H, I am seeking your direction on how to proceed with street work for this year. We asked both Killough Construction and Bettis Asphalt to provide us with a proposal to place a one-inch leveling course on Main Street and Neosho Street as you directed. While both companies provided this quote as requested, they each recommended that we do a two-inch overlay on top of the leveling course as in their opinion the leveling course will only be a one to two-year band aid. To be fair however, they also indicated that even the overlay would be a band-aid, albeit with a longer expected life. Item I is setting a date and time for a workshop to discuss the 2019 budget. Item J is the consideration of the bills and payroll in the amount of \$204,222.49.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions and I appreciate the opportunity to serve you and this wonderful community as your City Manager.

Sincerely,

Christopher T. Weiner, City Manager