



City Manager's Report

August 11th, 2020

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

As we head into August, we prepare for schools to open back up. Pastor Jonathan Hall from the Garnett Church of the Nazarene has been successful in obtaining funding for school supplies for local students. I would like to thank Mr. Hall for his tireless efforts to raise the funds to make this project a reality; I would also like to recognize you as the City Commission and the County Commissioners for assisting with this project. Obviously, efforts like this, the utility discounts provided to some businesses, and waiving or absorbing fees are not typical of our organization. However, when our community is struggling through a challenging pandemic, you chose to step forward and provide assistance to help our community members through this difficult time period – I commend you for your compassion. Director of Economic Development Julie Turnipseed has been very busy assisting our local Garnett and Anderson County businesses with the application process for the CDBG-CV grant funding. She has currently assisted nine businesses with the extensive application. We are very lucky to have Director Turnipseed on staff to serve as a liaison for our businesses!

As you know, Proseal was in town this week applying their asphalt rejuvenation product, Reclamite, on approximately four and three quarter (4.73) miles of our streets. As we've discussed in the past, this product has been shown to significantly extend the lifespan of streets if utilized on a routine (every five years) basis for maintenance. I would like to thank Streets and Stormwater Foreman Jason Wettstein and his department for making sure this project was completed smoothly. I would also like to thank Director of Community Development Susan Wettstein, Chamber Director and Administrative Assistant Kris Hix, Parks and Cemetery Foreman Brian Maloan, and Parks and Cemetery Laborer Quenton Trammell for their speedy assistance in posting the unfortunately late notice to residents.

I have a couple of community events to update you on, starting with Libertyfest. The new date for this event is September 5th. Director Wettstein reports that we have raised \$1,755.00 this year with an additional \$2,672.67 left over from last year. This brings our total of funds raised to \$4,427.67 for our 2020 event, leaving us with \$572.33 yet to be raised in order to break even. I met once again with the County Commission concerning Clean Up Week. Unfortunately, the County has decided against a free dump week for the City to have a Clean Up Week this year. It is also their intention to make changes to future cleanups. They advised me that they will begin providing a voucher to every County resident for one free dump up to 1,000 tons, per year. This will obviously make our efforts to provide a free clean up week to our residents more difficult, if even possible. I will continue to brainstorm ideas with our department heads in hopes of coming up with a viable solution. I would also like to mention that the County plans to increase our dumping rates by \$2.00 per ton beginning in 2021. I will also be working with our department heads on this matter to attempt a more feasible solution to our refuse needs.

City Clerk Travis Wilson has been successful in completing the excessively lengthy, and often frustrating, process of applying for FEMA reimbursement. His report will detail this information more but I would like to thank him for toughing it out! This meeting's first item will be the public budget hearing for the 2021 budget. As is customary, I would recommend opening the budget hearing and waiting for a few minutes in the event no one would like to speak, before closing the hearing and moving on to the rest of the agenda. I thank you for your considerable time and energy during this process to craft next year's budget.

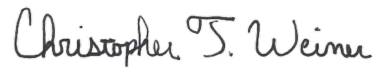
Our Employee of the Month for July is Eric Trammell. Eric has shown excellent initiative and teamwork through assisting other departments without being instructed to do so! He is self motivated and dedicated to the efficient operation of not only his department, but of the city organization as a whole. Eric is a true asset to our organization and I thank him for always being positive, even when all of the equipment he utilizes to process our collective wastewater is failing.

There are only a couple of items on this agenda. The first is the approval of the proposed 2021 budget. Second, is updating the Uniform Public Offense Code (UPOC) to include the most recent revisions due to changes in State and Federal law. I have included the list of updates and the corresponding pages from the UPOC for your consideration. The third item on the agenda is your consideration of the Community Development Block Grant – COVID applications. Director Turnipseed has provided a list of applications for your review and consideration of approval. Your approval is a

requirement of the grant process. Finally, the last item on the agenda is the consideration of the semi-monthly bills and payroll in the amount of \$191,019.39

Continued safety and health to all your families. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher T. Weiner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a loop at the end of the last name.

Christopher T. Weiner, City Manager