

City Manager's Report

October 10th, 2017

Honorable Mayor Blackie and Commissioners Cole and Gwin,

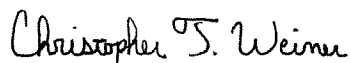
We have been busy over the past couple of weeks. I have participated in meetings with the County Commission, health insurance vendors, the US 169 Coalition, and an engineer regarding plans for the Airport among others. We expect to have our health insurance renewal quote next week and as I said previously, I look to make a decision on a benefits consultant following that information being presented. We have recently lost a couple of power plant employees and in an effort to reduce costs I have elected to not fill those positions. We have shifted schedules and eliminated shifts along with increasing security measures in order to accommodate this change. City staff is currently reviewing the new code book provided by City Code Financial to document the changes that need or may need to be made. I have not as of yet had a chance to work on a review of our permit and license fees but hope to do so before our next meeting. In my efforts to obtain information from neighboring communities about their fees for permits and licenses, I will also inquire about their utility rates as I will be preparing that information for your review as well. Killough Construction has been held up with completing the street work as planned on our City streets due to the rain recently. We have received assurances however, that the work will be completed at the latest by the middle of this month. As you can see, I have modified the format of our agenda as I would like to have department heads start reporting at Commission meetings to brief you on their operations. I would also like to recognize Desiree Donovan and Brian Dykes for their exceptional service to the City as they have received our first two Employee of the Month awards.

As for the regular business agenda items, Item A is the consideration of Ordinance 4193 which allows the rear fifty percent (50%) of any downtown Commercial structure to be, upon approval via special use permit, utilized as rental residential property. Allowing rental use of that back fifty percent (50%) is the only change from existing law. Item B is again the consideration of vacating City right-of-way on Catalpa Street. I have unfortunately, at the time of writing this, not had any success with coming to any resolution on where our actual right-of-way may be as the professional survey previously done only states that the right-of-way line is "assumed". I will speak with the County Commission on Monday and try some other avenues as well to hopefully have more information for our meeting. With Item C, I am requesting your permission to advertise for the vacancy we have on the Airport Board at the moment. This vacancy is open to anyone, City resident or not. I will prepare a form for interested individuals to complete indicating their interest and qualifications for serving on our Airport Board. Following, an application period, I will provide you with the applicants for you to make your appointment (I will likely make a recommendation after visiting with the applicants). If you agree with this process, I will post all such vacancies as they arise for our various City Committees and Boards. The last item are our usual bills. As stated at the last meeting, I plan to include salaries paid in this total from now on, so as to keep you aware of what our typical payroll numbers look like. At Commissioner Gwin's request, I have included the gross pay of every employee in your packet for review.

The new informational section of the agenda will be slated for City staff reports and any other pertinent items presented for your review.

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,

Handwritten signature of Christopher T. Weiner in cursive script.

Christopher T. Weiner, City Manager