

GENERAL REPORT
MARCH 28, 2017

1. Roy Salazar is another local individual who fishes at the lakes and has an interest in serving on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. If you agree, this will fill the last open position on this board.

2. At the last Housing Authority meeting, Karlyn Hulett asked Butch and Steve if they would like to be reappointed to this board. Both of them indicated their willingness to continue serving.

3. Patricia Hutton, who represents Big Brothers Big Sisters, contacted me about preparing the agreement for their annual corn hole tournament. This event will take place on May 20, 2017 at the football field. I checked with Phil and this will not conflict with any of his programs. The standard agreement has been prepared for your consideration.

4. Ordinance No. 4176 is housekeeping. After converting over to the new computer system, Nancy noticed several accounts that showed a collection fee still owing. This is the amount charged by Kansas Set-off after they collect a utility bill from any money the state owes to an individual. We cannot collect this fee and the auditors like to see it removed from the city's accounting records. Set-off has been a very good tool the city has used for many years to collect final utility accounts.

5. The city received a tax statement for Lot 40 in Block 55. For many years, this lot has been used as a drive through from Sixth Avenue to the alley that runs behind the businesses in the 100 Block of East Fifth. Most people use it to gain access to the Goppert State Service Bank. Mr. Yutzy, who owns the building at 6th & Oak, parks vehicles there from time-to-time. I asked the county appraiser what needed to be done to declare the lot for use as a public right-of-way. Terry prepared Resolution 3/28/17-1 to take care of this matter. A copy of a map showing the area I am talking about is enclosed.

6. The City/County Commission meeting has been scheduled for Monday, April 3, 2017 at City Hall beginning at 6:00 p.m. The City is host.

Some agenda items I believe you want to discuss are street repair work and the landfill. I would like to ask them if they are interested in participating with the city to replace the sidewalk on the south side of the courthouse. I will contact one of the local contractors to get an estimate.

7. I met with the new representative from VYVE Communications this week. He talked about extending new fiber between Garnett and Ottawa that will increase the internet speed. He said the company is looking for a technician

that would be willing to locate in Garnett to respond to customer issues. I guess this is another wait and see what happens.

I haven't heard from Kansas Fiber Net recently so will plan to call them to see what progress they have made. Same thing for CenturyLink.

8. You may remember the Creative Arts Grant the city received last year. We were able to do several projects, some of which helped the Chamber Players and Prairie Spirit Artists group purchase equipment; purchased a new, portable sound system to be used at various community events; helped the Walker Art Committee with the juried art show; covered the cost to build the large butterfly at the swimming pool and create several iron sculptures to be placed on buildings around town. Please look at the one on front of Town Hall Center. One will be placed on the north wall of H & R Block, the County Law Enforcement Center and on one of the buildings at the fairgrounds. These are very unique designs created by Mike Hill of Art & Iron.

9. Spring and summer recreation programs will soon be in full swing. Teams have been chosen for soccer and baseball sign-up has started.

The Recreation Center continues to show good numbers each day.

PROJECT UPDATE REPORT

A. Electric line along Walnut Street – nothing new to report. I continue to contact the engineer. Maybe one of these days, he'll have something to tell me.

B. Water Plant – I worked nearly a day with a representative from Kansas Rural Water to start the grant process. I would estimate that approximately 75% of the necessary paperwork has been completed. Our engineer and city auditors have submitted required information to KRW.

C. Outflow Meter – waiting on device.

D. Water rights – waiting on a response from Kansas Department of Water Resources to see if they agree with the explanations I gave in my letter about metering the water used to cool the power plant engines if and when they run.

E. Street repair – discuss with County Commissioners.

F. Personnel policies – Still working on these. We have asked HR for some clarification on exempt employees and are reviewing disciplinary action and grievances.

G. Skate park – Jeremy's report.

H. Sidewalks – Only one (1) contractor responded back to me who is interested in doing some of the ADA approaches. He will give the city a bid after he looks at the intersections.

I. AWOS – Pat Schettler wants to become certified to do the maintenance on the system. He has completed some of the necessary paperwork and plans to take the test.

J. Advisory Boards – still need one person each for Airport, Foundation and Economic Development Boards. Some people have been contacted.

K. New playground – application for funds through Pathways to a Healthy Kansas (Blue Cross/Blue Shield program) has been accepted. This will have to be done through the Community Foundation Board.

Please let me know if any additional information is needed.

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