



City Manager's Report

October 22nd, 2019

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

As you also attended, City Clerk Wilson and I recently attended the Kansas League of Municipalities Annual Conference. I believe this year's conference was especially strong, particularly on the economic development front. I attended the Economic Development MTI (Municipal Training Institute) class on Saturday while City Clerk Wilson attended the Personnel Management MTI class. As I've previously mentioned, I highly recommend attending these MTI classes as they are typically top notch and very informative. I also attended the KMEA/KMGA Annual Conference along with Director of Electric Production Bob Mills. At this conference, the City of Garnett was presented with the Gas Utility Centennial Award. This award commemorates one hundred years of Municipal Gas Service and honored the community visionaries who founded the City's Gas Utility Service in 1919. I also attended the Work Keys Launch and Celebration that Director Turnipseed organized. I would like to thank all those who attended this launch ceremony and hope to see an even greater turnout for the next step of recognition. This program is just getting off the ground but is already being accepted and utilized in our community and the surrounding areas and we are excited to be one of only four counties in the State to be participating in this workforce development program. Director Turnipseed and I also met with management from Southern Star Gas Service to discuss their upcoming pipeline replacement. We toured their Welda facility and discussed ways to partner in the future. I also attended the Anderson County Tax Sale on October 10th. I spoke with Bill Delich from Bettis Asphalt regarding their schedule and expected timeframe to be in Garnett, and they indicated that they plan to be here next week (the week of October 21st – 25th) before they head down to Altamont and Fort Scott for a KDOT job and the Fort Scott National Cemetery.

As I mentioned in an email earlier this week, staff met with Anderson County Emergency Management Director JD Mersman to discuss the placement of the first storm shelter. It was decided that we will put the shelter across the street from the South Shop in front of the impound lot. The County has asked permission to temporarily (anticipated three weeks) place their dumpster on 4th Avenue so they could finish working on their lawn. We allowed this with the condition that it cannot be a sight obstruction or block storm water drainage. We are currently negotiating with U.S. Cellular on an agreement for space on our eastern water tower. I would like to thank the organizers and volunteers of the Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival. The event was a success with only one incident in which a car went over the guardrail at the bridge that was recently replaced. No one was seriously hurt in the accident. The event appeared to be well attended and most enjoyable. The Parks and Recreation Department are working with staff from the Power Plant this week to install the new trail car playground next to the Depot. We are hoping this will be an enjoyable addition to the Depot, just in time for all of the Halloween festivities there. You may notice that improvements have been made to our speaker system in the commission room. This has been done to help with the issues that we have been having with our Facebook Live feed. We would like to thank the City of Ottawa's IT Department for their assistance with these improvements.

On the agenda this meeting is the consideration of a transient guest tax application from the Garnett Area Chamber of Commerce for their annual Christmas Parade. The requested amount is \$1,905.00. Second is the Hazard Mitigation Plan that we need to have in place in order to receive any FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) funding. The next item is an updated drug and alcohol policy for your consideration. As you know, we've been working on an overall update of our personnel policy which we'll have completed for your review and consideration soon, but this policy is one which I recommend quicker action upon. This cycle's bills and payroll total \$158,429.92. You will also find in your packet, you're your request, the itemized invoice from Professional Engineering Consultants (PEC) for work on the water plant design project. As I mentioned in the last meeting, this includes the work on the park conversion report, as well as for work on the preliminary engineering report which had not been billed yet. The Garnett Public Library will be hosting a newcomer breakfast for all residents who have moved

to town here recently (within the last six months). The breakfast will be on October 26th, at 9 a.m. Parkview Heights has been awarded the American Health Care Association Silver Award for Quality Care. They will be holding a recognition celebration on October 29th at 1 p.m.

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 cursive script that reads "Christopher T. Weiner". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Christopher T. Weiner, City Manager