



## **City Manager's Report**

February 11, 2020

Honorable Mayor Brecheisen-Hus, and City Commissioners Cole and Gwin, I hope you got a chance to watch the Kansas City Chiefs become Super Bowl Champions. It was a heck of a game and we're all excited about the success of the team. I think City staff may petition you for including the Monday following the Super Bowl as a holiday in the future in anticipation of continued future success (just a heads up 😊).

I would like to congratulate Chamber Director Hix for another successful Chamber Banquet! All of the award recipients were very well deserving, including our own Troy Hart and his wife Donna. I attended the Kansas Municipal Utilities' (KMU) Day at the Capitol with Director Bob Mills, and we were again able to meet with Representative Samsel. We discussed current issues and legislation concerning property taxes, utilities, and certain insurance regulations that are directly affecting one of our employees. Several of our surrounding states have already taken steps towards preventing this activity, so it was important for me to express my concerns on the issue to our State Representatives. On that same note, I have been speaking with our Blue Cross & Blue Shield Representative and our CBIZ Representative to combat some unforeseen issues with our new insurance coverage.

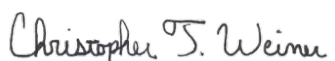
We are in the process of reviewing applications and scheduling interviews for the open Public Works Laborer position, the Airport Manager position, and an opening with the Police Department. My hope is to be fully staffed by the end of March. I have been working with our Water Plant Engineer from PEC to find a viable option for the required land exchange for the new water plant. I believe we have found a location that would work for this, I am in the process of obtaining a purchase price from the landowner. I hope to be able to discuss this potential land acquisition at the meeting.

Staff has made arrangements for our annual Joint City, County, Hospital, and USD 365 meeting. The meeting will be on Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m. at the Anderson County K-

State Research and Extension Annex Room. The Life Skills Lessons at the High School seem to be going very well. City Clerk Wilson, Superintendent Hart, Supervisor Arnett, and myself are still giving short presentations about the City of Garnett's operations and services. Some of the students seem to be more inquisitive and engaged than others, but I still feel as if this is a very good program for our youth. The first item on the agenda is the consideration of funding requests from the Transient Guest Tax Event Grant program. Garnett BPW is requesting funding for the Women's Fair and Square Fair. The new Love What's Local organization has also requested funding for their marketing campaign, as you saw promoted at the recent Chamber dinner. Tourism Advisory Board Chairmen, Tom Emerson Jr. will be attending our meeting to further explain the boards stance on these requests. Next is the consideration of contract to engage a City Engineer. As you know, Jason Hoskinson with BG consultants has worked with us on several different projects. Jason is going to be present to discuss the advantages of having a designated City Engineer. Next is the reappointment of our KMEA Directors. This year both Director Mills and Superintendent Hart's terms expire. As you know, Director Mills and I are voting delegates and Superintendent Hart is the alternate. The next item on the agenda is the consideration of Charter Ordinance 30. This ordinance is required to change the term expiration dates for the Library Board since it is regulated by K.S.A 12-1222. The following Resolution (2020-5) is what will change the term expiration dates for the remaining Advisory Boards. Item G is the consideration of a resolution (2020-6) establishing a time limit for citizens to be heard (as requested at the last meeting). The next item is an ordinance (4208) establishing a franchise agreement with Kwikom Communications who we have been working with to bring Fiber throughout Garnett. The following item is yet another resolution (2020-7), this one establishing a pole attachment agreement with Kwikom. Item J is the consideration of a lease agreement with Patrick Schettler who is purchasing another hangar at the airport. Finally, is the consideration of the bills and payroll in the amount of \$244,791.25. I have also included the financial report from last month as well as the electrical reports from December showing some annual cost figures.

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,



Christopher T. Weiner, City Manager