



City Manager's Report

October 13th, 2020

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

As you have probably noticed from my weekly updates, these past few weeks have kept staff very busy with a variety of projects. I met with multiple departmental directors to discuss operational plans for their departments. I met with our new Proseal Representative who inspected the work that the company recently completed on our streets. I held multiple conversations with KwiKom representative Burt Peterson concerning the fiber internet contract, and we provided mapping and address lists for City properties that are to be included in the contract. I attended the County Commission meeting and learned of their newest plan for dumping at the landfill. They plan to send a five-dollar coupon with the tax statements that are issued at the end of the year. Andrew Burkhart our new Director of Public Works started yesterday, Wednesday October 7th. Mr. Burkhart is planning to attend Tuesday's City Commission meeting where I'll be pleased to introduce him. Director Burkhart comes to us with vast water and wastewater experience and has exceptional knowledge of municipal government. We will begin advertising for our open Public Works Laborer position soon and that should leave us fully staffed in the public works department.

I had a discussion with a current business owner concerning utility expansion for a potential new building, followed by a meeting with the Public Works Department to discuss the same. Several City employees and I volunteered at the COVID Relief Drive which provided goods to local residents. I also had conversations with multiple residents concerning code enforcement issues as well as the clean-up week process.

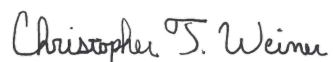
We are moving right along with the plan for the new water treatment plant. I have had several discussions with Amelia from PEC concerning specifics for the architecture of the plant. Myself, Director Burkhart, Foreman Dykes, and members from PEC's civil group are meeting on the 19th to discuss distribution system specifics. The airport apron project was delayed a week and as such will begin on Monday next week. Airport Manager Schettler and I have had multiple discussions with the engineers and contractors for the project concerning the specifics. It was wonderful seeing several of our public works departments assisting with preparations at the airport for the project.

The first item on the agenda is consideration of Ordinance 4216, deleting certain unpaid utility bills from the accounting records. All of these outstanding bills are from customers who have either unfortunately passed

away, left the state, or that we have submitted their outstanding bills to the State of Kansas setoff program and as such we should receive these moneys in the future if the individuals receive a Kansas income tax return. The second item on the agenda is the approval of a CDBG-CV grant for the Chinese Restaurant in the amount of \$25,000.00. The final item on the agenda is the consideration of the semi-monthly bills and payroll in the amount of \$248,970.73. I have included Departmental Reports, the September Financials, and information on the League's Annual Conference. You will also find the project proposal on the email billing module for the utility department. As you can see, this will be a valuable service to provide to our residents as well as have a significant return on our investment, likely paying for itself, in under five years. We plan to proceed with implementing this as soon as possible with a public rollout to begin the new year.

Thank you all for allowing me to continue to serve this wonderful Garnett community as our City Manager.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christopher T. Weiner".

Christopher T. Weiner, City Manager