



City Manager's Report

August 27th, 2019

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

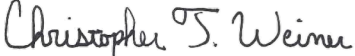
As you may recall from my previous report, Commissioner Les McGhee was absent from the last meeting I attended while Commissioners Howarter and Pracht indicated that they would need to speak with County Counselor James Campbell again regarding the jurisdictional concerns of enforcing the speed limit on Neosho road. Additionally, I suggested possibly swapping maintenance responsibilities with the County on Neosho Road and Fourth Avenue (from Scheckel's Tire to Highway 169). Both Commissioners took the position that such a swap was proposed by Commissioner McGhee but that such a swap may not be something that the rest of the County Commission is interested in. The County Commission is now unanimous in being opposed to a road maintenance swap. Additionally, Mr. Campbell was not present while I was there and as such the speeding discussion was again delayed. I spent a considerable amount of time working with individuals representing the Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival in an attempt to resolve some concerns regarding the Lake Road, as well as working with City staff and local business owners on concerns regarding their business. City Clerk Wilson and I met with officials from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as well as from the Kansas Department of Emergency Management (KDEM) regarding damages from the storm that occurred last October. I also attended the first of our meetings for our workforce development program, Work Ready Anderson County. We plan to officially launch the program this coming October. Director Turnipseed and I also attended a meeting hosted by the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) where we discussed the vision for transportation in Kansas over the next twenty-five years. The next meeting will focus on funding for this vision and is expected to be held in October or November.

On the agenda this meeting are a few familiar topics. The first item on the agenda is the agreement between the City and the Long Cedar Disc Golf Club. After several meetings and discussions with the Disc Golf Club, I believe we have come to an agreement. We also have the Temporary CMB permit for Cornstock, this is the same as last year. The next three items are ordinances adopting the new Standard Traffic Ordinance (STO) and Uniform Public Offense Code (UPOC). As I mentioned in my last report, these are documents that are updated every year based on changes made in state legislation. Item F is the resolution updating our water conservation plan as you also saw last meeting. Item G is consideration of the varying options for our natural gas purchasing pre-pay agreement. KMGGA originally suggested an amount of 30% of our average historical gas usage for an amount to purchase per this agreement. I believe that by purchasing a larger amount of our natural gas supply in months when the gas price is cheaper, and then using it months where gas prices are significantly higher, we can save significantly more resources. This approach would have higher costs for storing those additional gas reserves, although I believe the savings would more than pay for those additional costs. I seek your guidance on which route you prefer. I have added the Leadership Transformation Grant information again for your consideration. As I have said before, I believe this opportunity to provide intense and valuable leadership training to our staff is crucial for our organization. The value we would obtain from this opportunity would be well worth the cost of an estimated four to five thousand dollars (\$4,000 - \$5,000) for travel, lodging, and books. Properly equipping the leaders in our organization with training to effectively lead their departments forward will net the City and our community an extremely high return on investment. We have received a few more applications to join the Envision Garnett Steering Committee. In addition to considering the prospective applicants, I would also seek your direction on when you would like to hold the first meeting. I can send out a doodle poll to all members, as we have for some of our own meetings, if you would like to go ahead and get started. Item J is the consideration of Sue Differentcloud to the Tourism Advisory Committee. Mrs. Differentcloud would be replacing Mrs. April Renfro who resigned her position on the committee as a representative from the Garnett Inn and Suites. Mrs. Differentcloud has replaced Mrs. Renfro as the Manager of the Garnett Inn and Suites. Item K is a request from Mrs. Wettstein to utilize Transient Guest Tax dollars for marketing materials such

as new brochures and advertisements. These expenses have historically come out of the transient guest tax resources and the Tourism Committee unanimously recommends approval of this request in the amount of \$3,381.90. This cycle's total for bills and payroll total \$326,990.01. As planned, I also plan to continue our budget discussions if time allows.

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 black ink that reads "Christopher T. Weiner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C'.

Christopher T. Weiner, City Manager