

**City Administrator's Report  
May 8, 2026**

**Water & Sewer**

David Redler has passed his Grade VI (Backflow) Water Certification.

**Park**

Hired a few high school boys for the summer.

The Park and Trail projects are continuing to progress very well; however, we have been waiting for the permit from NDOT. Agreements were received in the mail on Friday morning and added to the agenda for Council consideration.

There has been a staffing transition at the Nebraska Department of Economic Development so our most recent grant pay request (\$276,431.72) for reimbursement for Gehring Pay Application #2 and JEO invoices from last month has been delayed. This is why this month's financial statements might look a little off. The pay application has been approved this week and will receive reimbursement by May 11<sup>th</sup>.

The surplus park equipment has sold and the buyers have until May 29<sup>th</sup> to remove. We expect the playground installation to take place in late June or July.

The Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects reviewed the Cardinal Cage project on April 17<sup>th</sup> and has ordered the City to hire an architect and engineer to review the project for Structural, Foundation, Electrical, and Mechanical items. We spec'd a pre-engineered building to reduce costs; however, the attached notice states that this was in violation of statutes.

**Pool**

The pool and spray pad are being repainted this week.

Ron and I will be meeting with the new management team (Josh Erickson and Claire Primrose) on May 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss expectations for the upcoming season. We also plan to attend full staff meeting when they begin their clean-up and set up days ahead of the season. We plan to open on Saturday May 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Street**

Ron is prioritizing patching and potholes. We've had multiple complaints. Some areas will also require repair instead of filling (water/sewer service line work where street patches weren't dowelled in)

**Police Department**

Nothing new to report.

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**General Administration / Other:**

**At the request of Boone Central Superintendent Chris Look – Brent Lipker and I attended a safety committee meeting where we discussed options for installation of a drop off lane in front of the high school to improve pedestrian safety and traffic flow.**

**I have not had much time/opportunity to finish developing a building inspector scope / agreement for an independent contractor arrangement. I will continue to work on this as time allows.**

**The City has given Jackson Services notice that we will not be renewing our service agreement with them in August. They have been supplying the City with Uniforms, Rugs, and Paper/Janitorial supplies since 2010. Their service has been excellent; however, we have elected to go with Appera starting in August. The uniform and rug costs will me a minor savings, but we expect a significant savings on the paper/janitorial side. I give all the credit to the staff, especially Sharon, for exploring this opportunity.**

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**Attached is the previous month Sales Tax Report – showing the monthly trend of sales tax receipts.**

**Also attached is an unaudited Treasurer's Report/Budget Performance Report and an unaudited Balance Sheet Comparison Report.**