

**City Administrator's Report
December 26, 2024**

Water & Sewer

Warren and Amber completed the EPA required lead service line inventory report and map. Now have moved toward the required notification letters that must be delivered to all property owners with lead, galvanized, or UNKNOWN material service lines. This is a very large task that staff are working together on. **NOTE: There has been some confusion on this issue. THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH THE CITY'S WATER. This is part of the EPA's requirement for identifying the material of the CONSUMER's water service line and providing them notice of the same. Most CONSUMER-owned water service line materials are unknown. The city has purchased a hydro-vac machine to identify ALL water service lines. This will be a multi-year project.**

Pumps at Sewer Plant and at the Firehall Lift Station have been replaced.

Obrist Construction has slated South Park Subdivision water and sewer improvements to be next on the multi-location water/sewer improvement projects.

Streets

Work on alley paving improvements continue – reminder that these are funded by capital improvement sales tax funds. Next on the this is the east-west alley by Pizza Hut, Schalks, Gragert's.

Park

Eli Porter Project is underway – the major structure is up. Crews are working on concrete sidewalks and containment for the rubberized surfacing to be installed this Spring.

The City has received a \$1,000,000 grant to support it's housing program by installing/upgrading public features that enhance and encourage neighborhood revitalization and development.

***The approved activities from the grant application are expansion/renovation of the Park on Clark Street AND expansion of the trail to link the Clark Street Park neighborhood with Fuller Park and the Sports Complex. We will be getting more information regarding the required procurement process and then preparing an RFP (Request for Proposals) soon.**

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General Administration / Other:

Tire-Amnesty Collection Grant – if funded – will be held in 2025 – likely in the Fall.

Warren Myers has been reviewing nuisance ordinance of other communities and has asked me and City Attorney Wright to review our ordinance in order to simplify and clarify some provisions. This may be presented to council for consideration in the near future following our review. **Warren, Darren, and I met – Darren to work on drafting changes to present to City Council this Winter.**

Warren anticipates that the State of Nebraska will be updating the Building Code standard to ICC 2024 this year so we will be reviewing our building codes and may present a draft ordinance this winter to update to the ICC 2024 series of codes.

Planning Commission Vacancy

There is still one (1) vacancy.

***Please direct any interested parties to City Hall or to the Mayor.**

Attached is the current 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.