

**City Administrator's Report  
April 10, 2026**

**Water & Sewer**

**David Redler has successfully passed his Water Certification in February and completed his 6 month probationary period. His 6 month evaluation and potential appointment as Water Commissioner are being addressed elsewhere on the Agenda.**

**Corey Zoubek has successfully completed his Waste Water Certification in March.**

**Park**

**The Park and Trail projects are progressing very well. We held a monthly progress meeting and reviewed the project on site on April 1st. The existing park equipment that was authorized for sale will be listed on Big Iron April 15<sup>th</sup> with the auction concluding on April 29<sup>th</sup>. \*A change order is on this agenda for consideration for additional items such as the basketball court, perimeter sidewalk, and pedal park paving. Basketball hoops and removable pickleball court equipment have been ordered through Main Street Sports in conjunction with items for the Cardinal Cage project and will be shipped together to save on shipping costs.**

**The portions of the project already awarded continue to move forward pretty quickly.**

As previously noted, Maggie Smith and Shelby Kelley met with a group of young people and discussed many ideas for the current project activities as well as potential future amenities and activities that could be hosted at the park. This group had many great and thoughtful ideas and are VERY interested in taking a vested interest in this park by creating a formal group to shepherd it's development and use. **They are very interested in giving this park a specific name and may be submitting ideas to the City Council in the future.**

**The State Fire Marshal forwarded their plan review to the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects. We've received notice from this Board that they will be reviewing the project on April 17<sup>th</sup> against state statutes because we did not hire an architect/engineer to design and plan the entire scope of work including Structural, Foundation, Electrical, and Mechanical items. Pending the results we may be required to hire an architect/engineer to review the project as built and then comply with any recommendations they find in their review.**

**Street**

**Ron is prioritizing patching and potholes.**

**Ron also ordered a significant repair project near Dollar General.**

**Police Department**

**Nothing new to report.**

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**General Administration / Other:**

March has been an extremely busy month.

Some of this is also due to a few days of additional absence for District and State Speech. The team did well and we had District and State Champions in multiple events this year. **I want to express my gratitude and appreciation that the Mayor and Council provides by allowing me to assistant coach on the Speech team. It is extremely important and rewarding to be a positive influence on our local youth – in ways that will benefit them far, far into the future.**

Building permit applications are increasing and I have entered some preliminary discussions with Travis Weber or Weber Home Inspection in regards to contract work for building inspection. I would likely maintain all records and handle minor projects such as fences and signs; however, we are still discussing scope and will need to draw up an agreement. I expect we could have something for the Council to consider at the May meeting.

The Auditor provided me with the annual audit report this week. I have reviewed, made all necessary adjusting entries, and forwarded a copy of the final audit report to the State Auditors office. We will have a review of the audit report at the next regular meeting.

**Planning Commission**

Pending approval of the Mayoral Appointments on this meeting agenda, the long-time Planning Commission vacancy may be filled.

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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.