

**City Administrator's Report
July 12, 2024**

Water & Sewer Improvement Project

Five Bids were received on or before the July 11 opening at 2:30pm.

There was a little bit of irregularity on the bid form as there was no place to place a total base bid; therefore, the total of all base bid groups was calculated as the bids were opened and read aloud.

Several bids were highly competitive and were approximately 40% less than the projected cost estimate. Which is extremely good news as the requirement for debt is extremely reduced.

- The project not only includes extensions to serve developed annexed areas, but also to:
 - Upsize critical water mains improve fire protection and water volume to fire station;
 - Provide additional entry point from our water wells and water tower to the water distribution system; and,
 - Provide sanitary sewer access to the recent addition to the public campgrounds.
- Tentative Project Schedule:
 - July 11th, 2024 2:00pm: Bid Opening
 - July 16th, 2024: Award Bid
 - July 1, 2025: Project Completion

Water

Warren and Amber working on the required lead service line inventory report and map.

Streets

Sta-Bilt Construction has completed the microsurfacing of asphalt streets. We were able to complete all streets instead of just half this year and remain within budget maintenance costs. A previous rep had quoted a double lift on all streets; however, double lifts were only needed on 6th, 11th, and Old Mill Road.

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Pool

The pool is experiencing another year of high operations costs – due to increasing wages AND increased chemical purchases due to the continued leak. This leak must be addressed prior to re-opening in the future.

General Administration / Other:

Shelby and I will be submitting a grant application to the State of Nebraska for rural recovery funds that may aid in improvement of the Clark Street Park and potentially the next phase of the Trail linking the Clark Street park and Sports Complex with Fuller Park.

Warren and I recently attended an afterhours online Floodplain Manager class that was put on by the Department of Natural resources. It was very informative and helpful. We are eager to see this area's map revision and incorporate it in our digital zoning map.

I'm currently working on property/deed conflict including the property where the newest public works building is located and where Kav's Tire newest addition is located. I've had the property surveyed and it appears that there is a conflict with the intended quit claim deed that the railroad provided to the city and the recorded legal description on the quit claim deed itself. **I've made appropriate contact with the Railroad's property department. In order to get a quit claim deed, the minimum purchase price would be \$50,000 AND they don't know when they would get review this as it's a small parcel and not a high priority for them.**

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. **No movement on this as yet – will address in the future.**

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.