

City Administrator's Report
May 8, 2026

Water & Sewer

Ron, David, and Corey met with Dale and reviewed the Water & Sewer project as the warranty period is nearing completion. One item noted was a culvert by Boone County Concrete that got buried by the contractor. Areas of seeding were reviewed as well.

Park

Excellent news regarding the Park project. The Morris Donor Advised fund of NCF approved a \$31,000 grant request which will allow us to put the finishing touches including professional painting of the court, addition of a drinking fountain, and tables for the pavilion.

I am also in the process of ordering solar powered light kits for the crossing of 11th Street at the Sports Complex.

The NDOT permit was received and work has been substantially completed, we are awaiting shipment and installation of the crossing signs and lights.

The surplus park equipment has sold and been removed – so we are prepared for the play area installation prior to August.

The City has formally notified the State Board of Architects and Engineers that we plan to comply with their order of remediation review. JEO's head of architecture has stopped and reviewed the Cardinal Cage project. They've requested some information so that they can provide an estimate to provide a remediation review the project. Since the state electrical inspector and State Fire Marshal have already provided approvals in their areas of expertise, the footing/foundation design seems to be the largest area of issue. After contact with Sentinel it was discovered they do not provide these as they don't have qualified engineer in that area of expertise. Ed Knott will be contacting concrete contractor to get information on the footings that were installed and how they were designed. Once I have more information on this I will inform the council.

Pool

The pool opened on May 30th. Attendance has been good.

A pressure valve has been ordered for the spray pad, until then the spray features will be a little wonky. Also, the credit card reader went kaput so we had to order a new one.

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Street

C&J Construction to begin repair project near Dollar General soon. Chris Borer informed me that he's been waiting a park for his concrete saw.

Police Department

Nothing new to report.

General Administration / Other:

I was able to help host a group from the Nebraska Community Foundation on May 27th. It was very fulfilling to be able to show what our community has accomplished by way of investing in ourselves and philanthropy over recent years. Albion is an impressive place.

The city-wide clean up event was held during the last week of May with great success.

I will be out of the office on a personal vacation time Wednesday, June 17th through Friday, June 19th and Tuesday, July 7th through Friday, July 10th.

As the Board Chairperson for ACE, I will be attending the annual Nebraska Public Service Commission's workshop/hearing on the Nebraska Choice Gas Program on June 30th.

Boone Central Superintendent Chris Look has reported that the School Board approved the drop off lane project in front of the high school.

I have received information that Verizon's communication equipment at the new tower site should be installed in July.

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.

**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.**