



City of Lansing
800 First Terrace
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City Administrator's Report

June 20, 2024

Agenda Items:

Joshua Gentzler, Director of Community & Economic Development, will brief the City Council on the upcoming Independence Day event! The event is at Lansing High School this year, so logistics will be slightly different than past years. There will be wonderful music, activities, and food trucks at the event. We are thankful to the Lansing School District for partnering with us on this wonderful event.

As requested, an update about the permitting process will also be given at the City Council meeting. Staff can go over how long building permits are valid and if they can be extended.

A meeting with staff from Leavenworth, Lansing, and the Guidance Center is scheduled on June 18th to talk about potentially applying for grants for vehicles for micro-transit. It is likely if we proceed vehicles would not be procured until September 2025, so budgeting this program for 2025 would not be a full year but would include the City's grant-match for a new vehicle.

Wastewater:

The full \$1.3Million grant reimbursement check was received and deposited last week. This closes out the grant portion of the project. Construction of the McIntyre Sewer Project continues and is well ahead of schedule. Pipe installation continues in an area where rock was previously not broken with blasting, so daily totals have slowed. Performance testing is ongoing and there have been no failures to date. Final grading and temporary seeding are ongoing and will continue. Final permanent seeding will resume this fall. This project was paid for partially by a GO Bond, a \$1.3Million grant from the State of Kansas, and Leavenworth County also contributed \$240,000 for design.

Staff and GBA have been coordinating the public outreach and social media campaign to alert all residents, businesses, emergency services, and educational facilities in the project area. The project area is roughly defined as East of K7, from E Kansas Street south to East Olive Street. Smoke testing began in this area June 17th and will last about one week. This will be followed up with dyed water testing of some manholes and cleaning and CCTV of pipe in the area. This project will identify defects and repairs in the collection system that contribute to excessive flows during rain events.

The Town Center Sewer Replacement Project is set to go to bid in September of this year, with construction to take place afterward. This project is expected to take 120 days.



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Contract documents for the Ida/Gamble Sewer Relocation Project were approved at the May 16th City Council Meeting. A kickoff meeting was held on May 24th. The project will relocate sewers near the intersection that are oversized for current flows to the new 7 Mile 36" interceptor. It is anticipated the project will be bid in conjunction with the Town Center Sewer Project this fall.

Community & Economic Development:

Dirt work for the apartment project began last month. The initial phase of the project will involve removing a significant amount of dirt from the site, which will take 4-6 weeks to complete. Linaweaver Construction is the subcontractor for site work on the project. There is 9.8 acres remaining on the parcel north of West Mary Street.

Public Works:

Pedestrian crosswalks on 4H and Valley Drive will be installed by Linaweaver Construction. Once complete, the project to replace the stormwater pipe under 4H Road will be complete. This project replaced a corrugated metal pipe with a concrete pipe that should last several decades. We are thankful to Linaweaver Construction for their speed in completing this project.

Construction of the crosswalk ramp on West Mary Street is complete. The crosswalk bars have not yet been installed. This project was requested by USD 469. The contractor also removed and replaced curb near St Francis de Sales church last week. We anticipate most asphalt work to begin in mid-July.

A resident utilized the City's sidewalk reimbursement program. As a reminder, the City will share a portion of the costs to replace dilapidated or damaged sidewalks. In this recent instance, we contributed \$1,420 to improve the sidewalks on Caraway Place. Please feel free to mention this program to residents as a way to improve sidewalks throughout town!

Staff has followed up with a property owner about completing the drainage project on Robin Road. Unfortunately, the failing pipe is not within an easement since there was no drainage easement established when Sherwood Forrest was platted as a county-subdivision in the 1980s. In order for the City to complete this project, the property owner would need to grant a utility easement. Staff has reached out to the property owner about a right of entry agreement, which means upon completion of the project, all maintenance in the area would fall to the property owner.

Update on ARPA Funds:

A summary of the total amount received from the federal government, and what we have spent the funds on is below. The ARPA funds need to be committed by 12-31-2024 and spent by 12-31-2026. ARPA funds can be used for fire equipment.



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- \$1,823,526.76 American Rescue Plan Act Funds Received
- \$800,000 High Speed Internet in Lansing
- \$90,822 Sewer Improvements near Fairlane
- \$80,000 Sewer Improvements near First Terrace
- \$35,000 Economic Development Data (Buxton)
- \$314,667.73 Water Line Center Drive
- \$503,037.03 ARPA Funds Remaining

Meetings & Announcements:

The deadline for Ward 2 City Council applicants is June 28th at noon. The opening has been advertised on the City's website and Facebook page. We have tentatively set the interview for prospective candidates for Thursday, July 18th, prior to the regular meeting.

There are multiple openings for Police Officer I/II. Interested candidates can apply by clicking on the "How Do I?" tab under the website homepage and clicking job opportunities. Starting pay is \$50,107/year, with opportunities for overtime. Officers with experience, education, or certification can be started higher on the pay scale. Additionally, the City offers a \$1,500 hiring bonus for new police officers!

- Wednesday, June 19th Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Thursday, June 20th City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Thursday, June 27th Work Session, 7:00pm, City Hall
 - Budget Briefing & Compilation
- Saturday, June 29th Firework Celebration! Lansing High School Parking Lot
- Thursday, July 4th Independence Day-City Offices Closed
- Thursday, July 11th Make Up City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Wednesday, July 17th Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Thursday, July 18th City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Thursday, July 25th Work Session, 7:00pm, City Hall

Sincerely,

Tim Vandall