



City of Lansing  
800 First Terrace  
Lansing, Kansas 66043

## City Administrator's Report

April 4, 2024

### Agenda Items:

The nine graduates of the Citizens Academy class will be recognized Thursday evening. The 2024/2025 class will kick off in the fall. The program is eligible to residents and business owners of Lansing. Please reach out to friends and family who may be interested and encourage them to apply!

The Mid America Regional Council (MARC) has issued their call for projects. Improvements to 4H Road are listed in the MARC Connected KC 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan. The City has submitted the 4H/DeSoto Roundabout twice but has been unsuccessful since the roundabout individually did not address pedestrian improvements. At the March 28<sup>th</sup> work session, the City Council directed staff to submit for improvements to 4H Road. If the City is successful, our contribution would be at least \$2M; however, construction is not anticipated until 2027, giving the City time to begin budgeting and planning for our match. A motion to direct staff to submit improvements to 4H Road and the 4H/DeSoto Roundabout for MARC suballocated federal funding.

Bids for the annual Capital Improvement Plan were opened on March 28<sup>th</sup> with four contractors submitting bids. The low bid was J.M. Fahey Construction with a base bid of \$733,907.80. Staff is recommending the base bid, along with alternate #4, with a 5% contingency, for a total of 781,104. A summary of the bids is below.

	Base Bid	Alt #1-South 147 <sup>th</sup>	Alt #2-Centre Dr	Alt #3-Lois St Alley	Alt #4 USD 469 Crosswalk
McAnany Const	\$789,221.30	\$155,616.20	\$286,828.25	\$21,414	\$3,982
Little Joe's	\$799,949.50	\$149,242.40	\$314,541.10	\$19,775	\$7,000
J.M. Fahey Const.	\$733,907.80	\$138,680.00	\$294,524.80	\$16,900	\$10,000
Newland Paving Co.	\$849,361.60	\$150,709.40	\$333,673.16	\$20,225	\$6,720

A contract to purchase property at the corner of West Mary Street and DeSoto Road is on the agenda. The parcel is 37 acres and is generally located south of 7 Mile Creek, with some minor exceptions. The parcel would allow most of Angel Falls Trail to be within a City owned parcel, as opposed to now being within an easement. This parcel abuts a city owned parcel directly to the east (site of the future pool). The price agreed upon by both parties is \$67,000.

Pursuant to the discussion at the March 28<sup>th</sup> work session, a motion to waive sewer fees for the Leavenworth County Humane Society is on the agenda. The total sewer bill for the Humane



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Society was \$1,701 in 2023. Staff will continue working with LCHS to find a mutually agreeable contract for animal impound services.

Proclamations for National Library Week and Sexual Violence Awareness Month are on the agenda Thursday evening.

**Public Works:**

Prior to the last City Council meeting, we learned that Kansas Highway 5 was added to KDOT's Development Pipeline. Per the press release, this \$35 million modernization project would "reconstruct K-5 with new alignment and safety improvements from US 73 southeast to I-435." Although the City is thrilled the roadway will become safer and create an easier path to I-435 and the rest of the metro, we do not yet know where the project will begin nor the full scope of the project. We also do not yet have a timeline for the project.

Installation of the luminaires atop the new poles on Center Drive took place in mid-March. The new poles are concrete and will be more durable than the previous poles. Additionally, we worked with StressCrete from Atchison to supply the poles, meaning repairs and replacement of parts (if needed) should go smoother than our previous poles.

Based on discussion at the January 25<sup>th</sup> work session, we will likely delay the box culvert repairs on 147<sup>th</sup> Street to 2025. The goal of this delay is to not have two major roads in close proximity closed concurrently during the summer of 2024.

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.

The storm drain and asphalt work on Valley Drive in the Stonecrest subdivision was completed in late 2023. The pipe liner near the creek and church was completed recently. We anticipate Linaweaver Construction completing the final portion once school is complete on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The City is looking to apply for a grant from the KDOT Transportation Alternatives program to fund a 10' trail from Lansing High School to the existing trail that terminates on 4H Road, at the northwest corner of the Wyndham Subdivision. Please note this area has no curb or gutter, which may need to be evaluated as part of our application. We will work to receive community feedback from residents to help support our application. Lansing's Angel Falls Trail was funded by the Transportation Alternatives program.



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**Parks & Recreation:**

Site clearing as the future pool site has begun!

Spring soccer registration concluded last month. There are 325 total participants in youth soccer this spring, as opposed to 291 participants in spring soccer last year. Total participants in spring soccer are below.

	2024 Participants	2023 Participants
Under 6	64	45
Under 8	70	91
Under 10	75	60
Under 12	64	61
Under 15	52	34

**Wastewater:**

Construction of the McIntyre Sewer Project continues. The boring under K7 is complete and pipe was installed end to end. One crew encountered a natural spring that surfaced after blasting was complete and caused them to use pumps to remove groundwater. Future long-term remediation to drain the water to the nearby creek is under consideration at this time. To date, 3,103' out of 9,110' has been installed, along with 12 of the 36 manholes. The aerial crossing over the 9 Mile Creek is complete and has been seeded. This project is scheduled for substantial completion in November of 2024. This project will be 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.

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.

**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.

- \$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



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- \$503,037.03 ARPA Funds Remaining

**YTD Sales Tax Update:**

The final year end sales tax updates are below.

	2023 YTD	2024 YTD	Difference
<b>Local Sales &amp; Use Tax (1.9%)</b>	\$532,415	\$675,816	\$143,401, 26.93%*
<b>County Sales Tax</b>	\$247,360	\$221,712	-\$25,648, -10.37%
<b>County Use Tax</b>	\$96,362	\$98,543	\$2,181, 2.26%
<b>Guest Tax</b>	\$29,980	\$25,113	-\$4,867, -16.23%

\*Additional .45% sales tax for aquatic center began July 2023.

The total non-food sales tax rate in Lansing is broken down as follows:

- **6.5%** State Sales Tax (varies on food)
- **1%** Countywide Sales Tax
- **1%** City General Sales Tax-General Fund
- **.45%** DeSoto Road & Park Improvements (20 years)
- **.45%** Aquatic Center (20 years)
  - **9.4%**
- **1%** Community Improvement Dist. (Mainstreet Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram property only)

The special sales tax to pay for the Aquatic Center has generated \$162,196 through the first three months of the year. The special sales tax to pay for DeSoto Road and Bernard Park Improvements also generated \$162,196 (both special sales taxes are for the same amount, .45%). Both of these special sales taxes are on pace to generate \$648,783 this year, which pays off the debt for both projects.

**Community & Economic Development:**

We anticipate construction of the apartments on West Mary Street to begin in late April/early May.

**Meetings & Announcements:**

There are currently openings for Police Office (I/II). There are also two openings on the Tree Board, and numerous openings on the Building and Plumbing Trade Boards of Appeal.

- Thursday, April 4th                      City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>                    Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>                      City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- April 19, 20, and 21<sup>st</sup>                    Friends of Library Book Sale-Lansing Activity Center Gym



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- Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> City Council Work Session, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> Fishing Derby, 9am-11am, Bernard Park
- May 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Spring Citywide Garage Sale
- Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day, City Offices Closed

Sincerely,

Tim Vandall