

**City of Lansing** 800 First Terrace Lansing, Kansas 66043

# **City Administrator's Report** June 6, 2024

### Agenda Items:

10 & 2 Coffee has applied for a temporary special event license for their summer concert series. The concert series will take place on June 20<sup>th</sup> and July 18<sup>th</sup>. Staff recommends a motion to approve the temporary special event license for 10 & 2 Coffee.

Representatives from True North Market Insights will be in attendance to discuss the potential for a community survey for our residents. This could help outline priority or identify future projects that are important to Lansing's citizens.

Resolution B-7-2024 authorizes the offering for sale of General Obligation Bonds. These bonds would permanently finance the temporary notes that were used to purchase the land in Town Centre. The City purchased over 41 acres for \$2,150,000 in 2020. Prior to the City's purchase, the Town Center property was privately owned. The principal amount of this bond issuance is anticipated to be \$1,240,000, and to be paid off over ten years.

Revisions to our sanitary sewer technical specifications are on the agenda. Modifying the design criteria from a 50-year storm to a 10-year storm will better reflect our current sewer modeling and I&I projections. The intent is to provide more economical sanitary sewer infrastructure that addresses the anticipated flows, without the need to overbuild for storm water infiltration. Wastewater Director Tony Zell and Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier will be present to address any questions.

The City's IT firewalls have reached the end of their life and need to be replaced. Our IT consultant is recommending replacing the current Sonicwall firewalls with the industry standard Cisco Meraki firewalls. The purchase will include both the hardware and required licenses to operate the equipment. This expense is slated to be under \$18,000, with funds still available in the Computer Hardware line item.

The financial summary and economic indicators report from the City Treasurer is included in the agenda materials.

The survey to evaluate the micro transit program was completed last week. I will go over the results Thursday evening.

### Wastewater:

Construction of the McIntyre Sewer Project continues and is approximately 90% complete. 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. The entrance to Rock Creek Loop was paved last week and was open to the public on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Final grading and temporary seeding are ongoing and will continue. Final permanent seeding will resume this fall. 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.

A kickoff meeting for the Inflow/Infiltration Mitigation Project began on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Staff and GBA have been coordinating the public outreach and social media campaign to alert all businesses, residents, the school district, and emergency services in the area. The project area is roughly defined as east of K7, from E Kansas Street south to East Olive Street. Smoke testing will begin in this area starting Juen 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

Contract documents for the Ida/Gamble Sewer Relocation Project were approved at the May 16<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting. A kickoff meeting was held on May 24<sup>th</sup>. 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 week. 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.

### **Public Works:**

Installation of the new stormwater pipe under 4H Road and Valley Drive is ongoing. <u>This repair</u> <u>will close 4H Road temporarily.</u> Some utility conflicts have slowed down the installation slightly. We hope to have this project completed by June 7<sup>th</sup>.

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.



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.

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.

Contractor J.M. Fahey began construction on this summer's pavement preservation plan. Curb demolition began the week of May  $22^{nd}$ , with asphalt paving slated to begin in mid-July. The crosswalk requested by USD469 will be a part of the capital improvement plan this summer.

### **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
- \$503,037.03 ARPA Funds Remaining

### Meetings & Announcements:

Thursday, July 11th

•	Thursday, June 6 <sup>th</sup>	City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
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•	Wednesday, June 19th	Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
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•	Thursday, June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Work Session, 7:00pm, City Hall
		<ul> <li>Budget Briefing &amp; Compilation</li> </ul>
•	Saturday, June 29th	Firework Celebration! Lansing High School Parking Lot
•	Thursday, July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Independence Day-City Offices Closed

Make Up City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall



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Sincerely,

Tim Vandall