



City of Lansing  
800 First Terrace  
Lansing, Kansas 66043

## City Administrator's Report

June 16, 2022

### Agenda Items:

Kala Maxfield with Clearwave Fiber will be present Thursday evening to talk with the Council about their timeline and their upcoming rollout.

A contract with Buxton to provide data and economic development assistance for new and existing businesses is on the agenda for Thursday evening. This service totals \$35,000 per year and can be paid for by funds from the American Rescue Plan Act.

Updates to the fee schedule are on the agenda for Thursday evening. Some of the updates include a re-inspection fee applied when our inspector is called into an inspection where the caller is not ready, and our inspector needs to be called back multiple times. Other modifications include updates to the Community Center for items we no longer have available, a fee for notary services, and the \$.44 change in trash fees.

An executive session for land acquisition is on the agenda.

### Public Works:

The recent rains have pushed back the start date for the K7/Eisenhower intersection project, but work should begin any day. We are reaching out to KDOT to inquire if we can repair the curb and gutter on the east side of the project corridor as part of this project. The construction schedule is 25 weeks, so we are hoping for completion in mid-November. Please encourage drivers to utilize detours or to drive the intersection during non-peak hours. There will be traffic congestion.

We anticipate bidding for the Southfork Road pipe repairs to take place this summer, with construction tentatively slated for the fall.

Curb work along Southfork and Corey Lane is nearly complete. Sidewalk improvements on Centre Drive are slated to be completed by June 20<sup>th</sup>. Crossroad culverts in northeast Lansing are being installed by the Street Department prior to asphalt being poured. We anticipate mill and overlay to full kick off in July.

The City received our NFIP (National Flood Insurance Program) five-year recertification last week and we retained our Class 7 rating! This means residents who purchase flood insurance in Lansing qualify for up to a 15% discount because of our flood mitigation activities! Major kudos to Kelly Hanne and Mike Spickelmier for their hard work on this recertification!



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### **Parks & Recreation:**

The City was fortunate to receive a \$10,000 grant from Royals Charities to go toward the construction of our new ballfields at Bernard Park! Thank you to the Kansas City Royals and Royals Charities!

Work on Bernard Park began mid-May. A construction access road was built to keep heavy equipment and deliveries off the main entrance. The road is located to the west of the main entrance. Road closed barricades have been installed to limit traffic. A crosswalk was painted leading toward the playground, shelter, and soccer fields and signs were installed to provide pedestrian access to those amenities. Temporary construction fencing has been installed for park user safety. A job trailer and construction materials have been delivered to site. Earthwork has started on the construction site.

### **Library:**

The library recently held its Summer Reading Kickoff. Staff was pleased to have 115 people turn out to attend the Operation Wildlife program. All the scheduled programs are now full and library staff are excited to be able to host a relatively normal summer program. Staff has also partnered with Leavenworth Public Library to host an outdoor concert featuring the Atchison Jazz Express on July 10<sup>th</sup> on the lawn just south of City Hall. There are several community members who play in this musical group. Finally, after reviewing the numbers for the library, it appears that the library is making a comeback from the last couple of years.

### **Community & Economic Development:**

The new building for Family Eye Care is progressing. Framing has begun.

Construction has started on the addition for Mainstreet CDJR. The addition consists of three additional service bays and a car wash bay.

A site plan for a dental office at 00000 Main Street (between Anytime Fitness and Mutual Savings) will be heard at the June 15<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting.

### **Wastewater:**

Offer letters for the four properties impacted by the Town Center Sewer project were mailed the week of May 23<sup>rd</sup> and staff will begin negotiating for acquisition. Construction of this project will follow, as directed by the Council.

Potholing of utilities along the McIntyre Sewer Interceptor project corridor are scheduled for the week of May 16<sup>th</sup>. Plan design is ongoing. This project would extend sewers to McIntyre Road and include installation of 9,500' of pipe.



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**Year End Sales Tax Update:**

	<b>2021 YTD</b>	<b>2022 YTD</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>Local Sales &amp; Use Tax (1.45%)</b>	\$710,655	\$852,584	\$141,929, 19.97%
<b>County Sales Tax</b>	\$396,812	\$411,072	\$14,260 (3.59%)
<b>County Use Tax</b>	\$115,668	\$155,913	\$40,245 (34.79%)
<b>Guest Tax</b>	\$110,875	\$34,227	-\$76,227 (-68.75%)

Through the May disbursement, the .45% sales tax has generated \$264,332, on pace for \$634,322 throughout the year. The 2022 debt payment for DeSoto Road is \$388,075. Based on current projections, this would leave \$246,247 toward park improvements this year.

**Meetings & Announcements:**

The City currently has an opening for part time positions Animal Control Officer and Assistant City Clerk. The City also has volunteer openings on the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals.

In the midst of COVID and the national blood shortage in late 2020/2021, the City teamed up the Community Blood Center to host blood drives in the Community Center at no cost. Through the five blood drives in the Community Center, 345 total units of blood have been donated. Each unit can help as many as three people. The next blood drive in the Community Center is Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup> from noon to 6pm. If able, be sure to come by and support this worthy organization!

- Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
  - Site Plan, 00000 S Main St, (S of Mutual Savings)
- Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> Special Meeting, 6:30pm, Approval of KBP GO Bonds
- Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> Budget Work Session, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> Fireworks & Lansing Daze! Bernard Park
- Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day, City Office Closed
- Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting

Sincerely,

Tim Vandall