



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

## **City Administrator's Report**

June 5, 2025

### **Agenda Items:**

Ms. Jeanne Im applied for a vacant spot on the Library Advisory Board. The appointment would expire April 30, 2029.

A bid for stream bank stabilization is on the agenda. Linaweaver Construction is currently in proximity to the stream working on the Town Centre Sewer Project, so staff felt that addressing the deterioration of the streambank in the area would be a worthwhile project. Erosion has occurred under the box culvert outfall on West Kansas, and the east streambank has eroded near a mature tree. The addition of rip-rap at the outfall and inside the streambank should slow down the water and reduce erosion in the creek. The price is comparable to similar projects we tackled in 2022 and 2023. Staff recommends approval of the streambank stabilization along West Kansas Drive with Linaweaver Construction for \$29,375.

The Financial Summary & Economic Indicators Report is included in council materials.

We anticipate a land sale contract with Kansas City Kansas Community College for an additional three acres at a future City Council meeting. This would bring their total land in Lansing to 15 acres. President Mosier will be present at a meeting this summer to give the City Council an update on how things are progressing.

### **Library:**

The Library and the Friends of the Library are working together on a new patio project that will provide a great outdoor space for programs, patrons, and staff. If all goes smoothly, the work could be complete by mid-summer. The estimated \$10,000 project is being funded through a combination of the Development Grant—made possible by the Library's recent regional accreditation—and support from the Friends of the Library 501c3, who are covering half the cost. The patio will give the Library more flexibility for things like story times, book clubs, and other library events.

### **Parks & Recreation:**

Due to weather conditions in January and February, the grand opening of our pool has been pushed back approximately two weeks. We are tentatively planning an open house and ribbon cutting on Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. This date will be refined as we get closer to completion. We are hopeful for a public grand opening on June 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>!

A summary of the Parks & Recreation T-ball, baseball, and softball registrations are below.



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<b>Division</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
<b>T-ball</b>	80	92
<b>8U Boys</b>	66	81
<b>8U Girls</b>	27	25
<b>10U Boys</b>	60	52
<b>10U Girls</b>	26	27
<b>12U Boys</b>	35	33
<b>12U Girls</b>	18	31
<b>15U Boys</b>	38	28
<b>15U Girls</b>	30	32
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>380 Participants</b>	<b>401 Participants</b>

#### **Public Works:**

J.M. Fahey, the contractor for this summer's Capital Improvement Plan, plans to begin work on curb replacement the week of May 27<sup>th</sup>. They anticipate asphalt work to begin in mid to late June. The contractor should put out notifications in neighborhoods where they are working prior to the improvements. This year's budget for capital improvements totals \$822,000. This work was approved at the April 17<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

Staff is working with the property owner to repair a lingering drainage issue near Nine Mile Creek on Robin Road. We are hopeful to bid the repairs this August and have the contractor make the repairs this fall.

Subcontractors for AT&T are in town working to expand fiber optic utility capabilities throughout northeastern Lansing. The work they are performing should be within utility easements. As a reminder, utilities are allowed to conduct work in established utility easements.

Staff is hoping to bid repairs for the bridge at Bernard Park. We have engineered plans for repairs and are hopeful we can bid the work later this summer, with repairs to occur in fall/winter to minimize the impact. We have a gravel secondary entrance to Bernard Park that was created during the park improvements of 2022-2023.

#### **Wastewater:**

Construction on the Town Centre Trunk Sewer Replacement Project began on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approximately 650' of sewer has been installed, and the project is gradually proceeding as they grind rock. This project was originally scheduled for 120 days.

A preconstruction meeting for the Ida/Gamble sewer project was held on May 20<sup>th</sup>. A Notice to Proceed was issued for June 9<sup>th</sup>; however, the contractor may begin clearing and grubbing the project area prior to trenching. Construction will begin while school is on summer break, as Ida



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Street and Gamble Street will be temporarily closed. The project will relocate sewers near this intersection that are oversized for current flows to the new 7 Mile 36" interceptor.

Phase II of the Inflow/Infiltration study began in May, with crews from George Butler Associates (GBA) completing a manhole survey and evaluations. Future work includes cleaning and CCTV, smoke testing, and dyed water testing. This work will generally take place north of Brookwood Street and south of the golf course.

### **Year End Sales Tax Update:**

The year-to-date sales tax updates are below.

	2024 YTD	2025 YTD	Difference
Local Sales & Use Tax (1.9%)	\$1,111,192	\$1,262,631	\$151,439, 13.63%
County Sales Tax	\$367,165	\$389,590	\$22,425, 6.11%
County Use Tax	\$156,957	\$177,957	\$20,815, 13.26%
Guest Tax	\$41,301	\$29,921	-\$11,381, -27.56%

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% TOTAL
- 1% Community Improvement Dist. (Mainstreet Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram property only)

The special sales tax to pay for the Aquatic Center generated \$303,032 this year. The special sales tax to pay for DeSoto Road and Bernard Park Improvements also generated \$303,032 (both special sales taxes are for the same amount, .45%). At this rate, both special sales taxes would generate \$727,276 by the end of the year.

### **Meetings & Announcements:**

The City is receiving opioid settlement money through the Kansas Attorney General's Office to treat and fight opioid addiction. Government agencies throughout Kansas will receive over \$340 million over the next 18 years to treat and fight opioid addiction. Lansing is on pace to receive over \$166,000 over the life of the opioid settlement. Thus far, the City is considering utilizing



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these funds to fund AEDs and mobile radios to assist our first responders in responding to overdoses. The City can also utilize funds to partner with agencies that fight the opioid crisis at its root cause, mental health/homelessness, etc.

There are multiple openings for Police Officer I/II. Starting pay for police officers is competitive, with abundant opportunities for overtime. Officers with experience, education, or certification can be started higher on the pay scale. Additionally, the City offers a \$3,000 sign-on bonus for new, uncertified police officers! The City also has seasonal Parks & Recreation Laborer positions available. Interested candidates can apply by clicking on the "How Do I?" tab under the website and selecting Job Opportunities.

There are volunteer opportunities for the Library Board, as well as Board of Zoning Appeals. There are multiple openings for the Trade Board of Appeals.

A question was raised about annexing a property at a previous City Council meeting. If a parcel is in another municipality's jurisdiction, that parcel could not be annexed unless another municipality de-annexed it. There are examples of communities in Johnson County that have reconfigured boundaries when it benefits both municipalities; however, this would require consent of both municipalities.

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| • Thursday, June 5   | City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall                     |
| • Wednesday, June 11 | <i>Tentative</i> -Ribbon Cutting/Open House, Time TBD, Pool |
| • June 14-15         | <i>Tentative</i> -Pool Grand Opening!                       |
| • Tuesday, June 17   | City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall                     |
| • Wednesday, June 18 | Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall              |
| • Thursday, June 19  | Juneteenth Federal Holiday                                  |
| • Thursday, June 26  | Joint Session with Leavenworth Co. 6:00pm, City Hall        |
| • Thursday, June 26  | City Council Budget Work Session, 7:00pm, City Hall         |
| • Saturday, June 28  | Independence Day Fireworks Celebration                      |
| • Thursday, July 3   | City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall                     |
| • Friday, July 4     | Independence Day Holiday, City Offices Closed               |

Sincerely,

Tim Vandall