



City of Lansing
800 First Terrace
Lansing, Kansas 66043

City Administrator's Report
May 1, 2025

Agenda Items:

Following the closure of the public hearing, the Riverbend Heights RHID is on the agenda. Staff and the developer recommend disapproval.

Four bids were received for the Ida/Gamble Street Sewer Relocation Project. This project will relocate sewers at the aforementioned intersection and reroute them to the 7 Mile Interceptor to the south. The low bid came from Westland Construction from Basehor, Kansas for \$351,236. The City has a discretionary 2% local preference policy, but the difference between Westland Construction and Linaweaver Construction exceeds 2%. Funds for this project are available from the unencumbered funds from the McIntyre project. Additional wastewater utility funds will also be utilized to pay for the project. This project will not encumber any debt.

Public Works:

Public Works staff has briefed KDOT staff about proposals along the K7/McIntyre corridor. Staff will also bring up development proposals at the next K7 Corridor Meeting. Traffic Impact Studies are required for developments in this area, with a TIS already completed for the storage unit request.

Staff is still working to determine the timing of the 147th Street culvert repair. Due to delays in locating utilities, it will be challenging to get this repair done this summer. Staff is also concerned with scheduling this repair in 2026 as it could interfere with the 250th anniversary of Independence Day. Staff plans to bid this work in late 2026, with the work to take place in summer of 2027.

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 2nd. Approximately 500' of sewer has been installed, and the project is gradually proceeding as they grind rock. This project is scheduled for 120 days.



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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%)	\$882,977	\$992,018	\$109,041, 12.35%
County Sales Tax	\$290,983	\$307,549	\$16,567, 5.69%
County Use Tax	\$126,315	\$138,945	\$12,630, 9.99%
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 \$238,084 this year. The special sales tax to pay for DeSoto Road and Bernard Park Improvements also generated \$238,084 (both special sales taxes are for the same amount, .45%). At this rate, both special sales taxes would generate \$714,252 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 these funds to fund AEDs and potentially 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 Firefighter/EMT positions open.



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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.

- Thursday, May 1 City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Saturday, May 3 Fishing Derby, Bernard Park
- Wednesday, May 14 Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Thursday, May 15 City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Monday, May 26 Memorial Day, City Offices Closed
- Thursday, May 29 City Council Work Session, 7:00pm, City Hall
 - Finance Director Prelim Budget Discussion
- Thursday, June 5 City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall

Sincerely,

Tim Vandall