



City of Lansing  
800 First Terrace  
Lansing, Kansas 66043

## City Administrator's Report

October 3, 2024

### **Agenda Items:**

Officer Jori Bell will be recognized for actions that resulted in saving a life.

Representatives from True North Market Insights will be in attendance to present the findings of the citizen satisfaction survey to the City Council.

An executive session for 10 minutes for non-elected personnel is on the agenda.

An executive session for 20 minutes for economic development is on the agenda.

### **Wastewater:**

The McIntyre Sewer Project is substantially complete, well ahead of schedule. All performance testing is completed. Final grading and temporary seeding is underway. This project was paid for partially by a GO Bond, a \$1.3 Million grant from the State of Kansas, and Leavenworth County also contributed \$240,000 for design.

All fieldwork is complete for the Inflow and Infiltration mitigation project, except for a few sewer mains that need to have roots cut out and reinspected. Several buried manholes have also been located within the project area, which have now been located, and a small project will be bid in October to raise those to grade so inspections can be performed. A draft report with recommendations will be presented this fall. This project will identify defects and repairs in the collection system that contribute to excessive flows during heavy rain events.

The Town Centre Sewer Replacement Project is out to bid, with a bid opening scheduled for October 16th. The bids will be brought before the Council at the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Construction should begin by the end of the year. Staff is meeting with affected landowners to review the project parameters and construction timeline. This is a comparatively smaller project compared to some of our recent projects, with a construction timeline of 120 days.

Easement exhibits and ownership reports for the Ida/Gamble Sewer Relocation project are wrapping up and will be forwarded to an appraiser for evaluation. 30% plans are expected the first week of September. This project will relocate sewers near this intersection that are oversized for the current flows to the new 7 Mile Creek 36" interceptor.

### **Public Works:**

Staff is working to receive bids to repair/replace a rusting stormwater pipe. The pipe is located near the gas station along 4H Road. Staff is considering utilizing a pipe liner to avoid road closures.



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Staff recently worked with an engineer to develop plans to make improvements to the bridge at Bernard Park. Staff will work to bid the project out in the future and ensure the work takes place during non-peak months.

New wayfinder signs from Young Sign Company were installed two weeks ago. In addition to the new wayfinder signs, older olive-green signs were removed on northbound and southbound traffic, decluttering and beautifying the signage near the intersection.

**YTD Sales Tax Update:**

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

	2023 YTD	2024 YTD	Difference
Local Sales & Use Tax (1.9%)	\$1,254,321	\$1,590,989*	*
County Sales Tax	\$646,382	\$606,028	-\$40,354, -6.24%
County Use Tax	\$260,861	\$248,124	-\$12,737, -4.88%
Guest Tax	\$76,178	\$56,126	-\$20,052, -26.3%

\*The 2024 year-to-date figure includes the new sales taxes all eight months, while at this point last year the new sales tax rate had only been collected for two month. When excluding the new sales tax for the pool, our local sales tax figures have decreased from 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% TOTAL
- 1% Community Improvement Dist. (Mainstreet Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram property only)

The special sales tax to pay for the Aquatic Center has generated \$442,526 through the first eight months of the year. The special sales tax to pay for DeSoto Road and Bernard Park Improvements also generated \$442,526 (both special sales taxes are for the same amount, .45%). Both of these special sales taxes are on pace to generate \$663,789 this year, which pays off the debt for both projects.

**Update on ARPA Funds:**

A summary of the total amount received from the federal government, and what we have spent



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the funds on is below. The ARPA funds need to be committed by 12-31-2024 and spent by 12-31-2026.

- \$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
- \$110,590.92 City Hall Building Repairs
- \$374,465.55 for J.M. Fahey-CIP Roadwork in Summer of 2024
  - (this allows the City to utilize previously allocated funds for fire equipment in 2025)

#### **Meetings & Announcements:**

There are multiple openings for Police Officer I/II. Interested candidates can apply by clicking on the “How Do I?” tab under the website homepage and clicking job opportunities. Starting pay is \$50,107/year, with 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 Volunteer Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> in the Community Center.

Work on City Hall is continuing to progress. We expect some portions of the building to be painted this week, with carpeting set to begin next week. We are hopeful to be back in the City Hall building in November.

- Thursday, October 3 City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, Lansing Library
- Monday, October 14 Columbus Day. Staff Development Day-City Office Closed
- Wednesday, October 16 Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00pm, Lansing Library
- Thursday, October 17 City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, Lansing Library
- Saturday, October 19 Fall Festival, Angel Falls Trail
- **Thursday, October 24 City Council Work Session, 7:00pm, Lansing Library**
  - Moved from 10-31 due to Halloween
- Saturday, October 26 Spooky Center, Lansing Activity Center
- Thursday, November 7 City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, Location TBD
- Monday, November 11 Veteran’s Day, City Offices Closed

Sincerely,

Tim Vandall