



City of Lansing
800 First Terrace
Lansing, Kansas 66043

City Administrator's Report

November 16, 2023

Agenda Items:

Three bids for the McIntyre Sewer Interceptor Project were opened on November 6th. The low bid came from Linaweaver Construction, at \$2,995,003. Our engineer, GBA, reviewed the bids and found that Linaweaver Construction met all of the requirements. The project may begin within 14 days of approval. The total construction timeline for this project is 320 days. This project will be paid for with \$1.3 million in grant funds from the State of Kansas, a portion of reserves in the Wastewater Fund, and a temporary note for the remaining financing. The City's Wastewater Treatment Plant from nearly twenty years ago will be paid off fully in 2025, freeing up funds to tackle other wastewater projects.

The City approved a bid to make repairs to a drainage pipe under 4H Road and along South Valley Drive. The portion under 4H Road was originally going to be a pipe liner to extend the life of the pipe and to keep 4H Road open. Now that the area has been dug up, unfortunately, the pipe is much more eroded than we anticipated, making a pipe liner less effective and potentially voiding the warranty. Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier will present options on what we can do with the pipe liner since it was already purchased by the contractor and what steps we can take to repair or replace the drainage pipe on 4H Road.

The FHWA requires bridge inspections every two years. Leavenworth County and the City of Basehor have been using Finney Turnipseed Transportation & Civil Engineering LLC for their bridge inspections. They submitted a proposal to the City to inspect the City's bridges for \$4,000. Additional inspection, plans, projects, and other services would be negotiated under this professional service agreement.

Surplus Equipment:

Some of the items we replaced earlier this year will be put out for public auction through PurpleWave.com in the next two weeks. Some of the items include a 2007 Ford E350 Van, a 2006 Ford Ranger, and a 2013 Police Ford Explorer. We are also auctioning off two Polaris' from 2005 from the Wastewater Department, as well as a nonoperational Kubota tractor and a nonoperational forklift.

Public Works:

Linaweaver Construction anticipates beginning the 4H & Valley drainage project the week of October 30th. Residents on that stretch of roadway have been notified of the detour. This will replace the corroded pipes in that portion of the Stonecrest Subdivision.



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The existing decorative poles on Center Drive were removed the week of October 16th. The islands have been removed, with asphalt being poured the week of November 13th. A total asphalt overlay is not included at this time, but the staff is evaluating the pros/cons of including Center Drive in our annual CIP for 2024.

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.

- \$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

We anticipate utilizing ARPA funds to partially fund a storm sewer project next year. We also had a potential multi-use commercial/residential building along K7 inquire about utilizing \$80,000 in ARPA funds to assist with utility work for that project. ARPA funds can also be used for fire equipment. The ARPA funds need to be committed by 12-31-2024 and spent by 12-31-2026.

Wastewater:

A bid opening for the project was held November 6th, and three bids were received. A motion to approve the low bid from Linaweaver Construction will be on the Nov 16th CC meeting. The Kansas Dept. of Wildlife has determined that the 9 Mile stream crossing is “critical habitat” for the Plains minnow, and as such, a restriction to work within the stream will be in place from April 1 thru Oct 31. This restriction has modified project timelines but has not resulted in a change in cost. We are currently awaiting the official notification from the State regarding this issue. Due to supply chain issues, PVC and iron pipe may experience longer lead times. A notice to proceed will be issued for early December 2023 so the contractor can begin the large amount of clearing and grubbing along the project corridor.

Community & Economic Development:

Filliman Dental is now open! Be sure to check out their new building. The property has additional space for another commercial building.



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Take5 Oil is now open. We anticipate the light pole in the alley moving, allowing the alley to shift westward to allow a freer flow of traffic. The City also recently paved the southern portion of the alley, which was discussed in a City Council meeting back in 2022.

We anticipate receiving a 7-8 lot preliminary plat in northwest Lansing at some point in the near future.

YTD Sales Tax Update:

	2022 YTD	2023 YTD	Difference
Local Sales & Use Tax (1.45%)	\$1,798,386	\$1,956,612	\$158,226, 8.79%
County Sales Tax	\$846,515	\$810,716	-\$35,799, -4.22%
County Use Tax	\$311,499	\$314,736	\$3,237, 1.04%
Guest Tax	\$93,461	\$104,902	\$11,441, 12.24%

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

The special sales tax to pay for DeSoto Road and Bernard Park improvements has generated \$557,389 so far this year, on pace for \$668,867.

The special sales tax for the aquatic center, which began on July 1st, has generated \$168,550 so far this year.

Meetings & Announcements:

The City received four proposals from local financial institutions to be the City's official depository. A committee composed of two councilmen and two staff members are currently reviewing the proposals.

The City will have two openings on the Fire Board in December. The City also has an opening on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and multiple openings on the Building Trade Board of Appeals and Plumbing Trade Board of Appeals.



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There are currently openings for Code Enforcement Officer, Police Office (I/II), Street Laborer I, and Wastewater Tech I.

Groups are working to formulate a plan for the historical portion of the Lansing Correctional Facility. There is hope that the older shell of LCF could be utilized as a paranormal tour center and museum, similar to the old Missouri Penitentiary in Jefferson City, Missouri.

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- Thursday, November 16th City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Thursday, November 23rd Thanksgiving Holiday, City Offices Closed
- Sunday, December 3rd Mayor's Christmas Tree Event
- Thursday, December 7th City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Thursday, December 21st City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Monday, December 25th Christmas Day-City Offices Closed
- Monday, January 1st New Years Day-City Offices Closed
- Thursday, January 4th City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Monday, January 8th Special Meeting, City Hall-Swearing In Elected Officials
- Monday, January 15th Martin Luther King Jr Day, City Offices Closed
- Thursday, January 18th City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall

Sincerely,

Tim Vandall