



City of Lansing
800 First Terrace
Lansing, Kansas 66043

City Administrator's Report

October 17, 2024

Agenda Items:

A request to replace a 2014 Ford F350 diesel dump truck in the Parks & Recreation Department with a one-ton gasoline truck is on the agenda. If approved, staff would solicit bids from vendors and return to the City Council with final bids for approval or disapproval. This truck has recurring maintenance issues, with several thousands of dollars regular being spent on repairs. Based on comparable vehicles, we anticipate receiving approximately \$30,000 if auctioned off on Purplewave.com. If staff comes back in January with bids that exceeds \$90,000, the Council will still have the authority to decline.

Acquisition of a Spartan S180, Model 4106 Pumper Truck is on the agenda. The contract states a delivery time of 245 days from the signing of the contract, which would put delivery in mid-June. Purchase price for this is listed as \$851,501 upon delivery, or \$829,627 if paid for up front. Just under \$400,000 in funds from what used to be ARPA funds can be utilized for half of the purchase, while the remaining funds would come from cash dispersal upon FD1 dissolution. Acquisition of this truck would incur no debt nor have an impact on property taxes; however, if we pay up front, this will make our reserves appear less than they normally would since we will not receive dissolution funds until February or March of 2025. The price includes a \$15,000 allowance on intake valves, deck gun monitors, radio installation, etc. If only \$10,000 of the equipment allowance is used, the remainder would be refunded to the City. The lifespan on a truck of this caliber is anticipated to be between 20-25 years.

A proclamation for Military Retiree Appreciation Day is on the agenda.

A proclamation for Kansas Reads to Preschoolers Month is on the agenda.

The November 7th meeting will include approval of the Town Center Sewer Project bids, as well as selection of a property/auto/casualty insurance broker.

Wastewater:

The McIntyre Sewer Project is substantially complete, with the final inspection slated for October 18th. All performance testing is completed. Final grading and temporary seeding is underway. This project was paid for partially by a GO Bond, a \$1.3Million grant from the State of Kansas, and Leavenworth County also contributed \$240,000 for design.

A draft report on the Inflow/Infiltration Project is under staff review, with a review meeting scheduled for October 23rd. All fieldwork is complete, including the few sewer mains that needed to have roots cut out and reinspected. Several buried manholes have also been located



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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. 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 7th 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.

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.

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. 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



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- \$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 7th 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.

- 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**
 - Joint Meeting with Delaware Township to Discuss Fire Protection Transition
 - 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