



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

## **City Administrator's Report**

April 3, 2025

### **Agenda Items:**

There are 11 graduates of the City's Citizens Academy class. All graduates will receive a plaque and congratulations from the Mayor and City Council.

A final plat for the LCHS Hayslett Replat subdivision is on the agenda. The parcel is currently 8.08 acres and would be split into a 7.49-acre lot, and another .59-acre lot. This was approved unanimously at the Planning Commission.

Ordinance No. 1130 is a rezone for the property located at the northeast quadrant of the K7/McIntyre intersection. The parcel is 145.54 acres and is owned by Epic Estates LLC. A 38.477-acre tract is proposed for R-4 Multi-Family Residential, an 85.484-acre tract is proposed for I-1 Light Industrial District, and a 21.581 parcel is proposed for B-3 Regional Business District. The purpose of this rezone is to improve the marketability of the parcel. No specific development plans are currently proposed. This rezone was recommended by the Planning Commission by a 4-1 vote at the March meeting.

An executive session for land acquisition is on the agenda.

The Friends of the Library book sale begins on Friday, April 4th at 5pm. Be sure to go to the Lansing Activity Center to check out this wonderful event!

### **Public Works:**

Pothole operations will commence once roads are fully cleared of snow. There are more potholes to repair due to the amount of freeze/thaw cycles this winter. Based on the number of snow events this winter, we exceeded our salt budget. Staff has also been busy recently with street sweeping operations.

The bid opening for our mill and overlay project will be April 10<sup>th</sup>, with the presentation to the Council slated for April 17<sup>th</sup>. We also plan to update the Council on our mowing bids.

### **Parks & Recreation Soccer Registration:**

Games for the spring soccer season began on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. A total of 282 children registered for all age divisions. U6 had five teams, U8 had six teams, U10 had five teams, U12 had four teams, and U15 had three teams.

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

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



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|                              | 2024 YTD  | 2025 YTD  | Difference         |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|
| Local Sales & Use Tax (1.9%) | \$675,816 | \$768,736 | \$92,920, 13.75%   |
| County Sales Tax             | \$221,712 | \$232,748 | \$11,036, 4.98%    |
| County Use Tax               | \$98,543  | \$110,162 | \$11,619, 11.79%   |
| Guest Tax                    | \$25,113  | \$14,547  | -\$10,566, -42.07% |

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 \$184,497 this year. The special sales tax to pay for DeSoto Road and Bernard Park Improvements also generated \$184,497 (both special sales taxes are for the same amount, .45%). At this rate, both special sales taxes would generate \$737,986 by the end of the year.

**Wastewater:**

Construction on the Town Centre Trunk Sewer Replacement Project began on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approximately 100’ of sewer has been installed, and the existing manhole has been cored. A supply chain issue has delayed the delivery of the first new manhole for the project. Clearwave Fiber is in the process of relocating their fiber optic facilities that are in direct conflict with the sewer project. This project is scheduled for 120 days.

All easements for the Ida/Gamble Sewer Relocation Project have been acquired and filed with the Register of Deeds. The project will be bid in the coming weeks, with construction taking place during the USD469 summer break, as Ida Street will be temporarily closed. The project will relocate sewers near this intersection that are oversized for current flows to the new 7 Mile Creek 36” interceptor.

**Meetings & Announcements:**

The Kansas Moderate Incoming Housing Grant we jointly applied for on the Fairlane Townhomes Second Phase project in November was successful! This grant will allocate



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\$650,000 to help spur the next phase of the Fairlane Townhomes, which is projected for 21 more units along Santa Fe Drive. The City approved a resolution of support at the November 7<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

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. Interested candidates can apply by clicking on the "How Do I?" tab under the website and selecting Job Opportunities.

We anticipate the replat of the Town Center parcels to take place at the April Planning Commission meeting, with final approval tentatively set for May 15<sup>th</sup>. The replat will create a three-acre parcel directly north of KCKCC's land, as well as a four acre parcel north of the three acre parcel.

- Thursday, April 3                      City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Friday, April 4-6                      Friends of the Library Book Sale, Lansing Activity Center
- Thursday, April 17                      City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Wednesday, April 23                      Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Thursday, April 24                      City Council Work Session, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Thursday, May 1                      City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Thursday, May 15                      City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Wednesday, May 21                      Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Monday, May 26                      Memorial Day, City Offices Closed
- Thursday, May 29                      City Council Work Session, 7:00pm, City Hall

Sincerely,

Tim Vandall