

TO: Mayor and City Council

SUBJECT: Staff Report

INITIATED BY: Administration

FFA Project – Public Works Director Jim Boldenow, worked with approximately thirty (30) students from the Sedgwick FFA club to construct a backdrop fence behind the stage in the pocket park on February 24th. The students did a great job working alongside Jim to complete another meaningful project in the city. This marks third construction project we have been able to collaborate with the school on to complete.

Sedgwick County Sales Tax Distribution – I attended a meeting with Sedgwick County leadership and other Sedgwick County municipalities on February 20th to discuss the findings from Dr. Guo’s research on the county-wide sales tax distribution method. There is discussion on trying to alter the current formula of how sales tax proceeds are distributed from the county. Currently, it is purely a discussion of findings. I will report back to council with further information once available. If changed, this would only affect the sales tax collected in Sedgwick County and not the local sales tax imposed.

Public Works & Utilities – We welcome Corey Heck to our Public Works and Utilities team. Mr. Heck comes to us from Colwich and has a vast background in municipal work. We are excited to have his expertise and to watch his success here in Sedgwick.

Drainage Study – During discussions of the east side paving project, drainage was a highly debated topic. This historically has been a topic of conversation on figuring out the best way to divert water from the yards and roadways of the east side of town properly. The city has contracted with PEC to complete a drainage study of the area to obtain topographical and hydrological data to develop a drainage master plan for the east side of town. This master plan will identify projects and key funding mechanisms to better increase drainage in this area. Findings will be presented to City Council and the public once completed.