

TO: City Commission
CC: Department Directors
FROM: David Dillner, City Manager
SUBJ: Weekly Report
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Items of Note:

- This week has focused on the final touches for the 150FEST on Saturday. City staff has done a great job getting the event coordinated with City departments, community stakeholder groups, and volunteers. I anticipate a great event for the community to celebrate this terrific occasion. As reminder, the calendar of events is as follows:
 - 8:30 am – September 11 Memorial Service at Butler County Courthouse
 - 9:00 am – Parade Line-up in Gordy Park
 - 9:00 am – Pickleball Tournament at North Main Park
 - 10:00 am – 150FEST Parade
 - 12:00 pm – BBQ Cook-off, Artisan Market, Car Show, Food Trucks, and Kids Games begin
 - 1:00 pm – Cornhole Tournament begins
 - 5:00 pm – Street Concert (Vegan Shark, Chase & Co., The Matt Engels Band, Big Fat Fun)
 - 8:30 pm – Fire Dancers
 - 9:30 pm – Headliner Caylee Hammack
- At the request of Senator Roger Marshall, the City organized a Meet and Greet event with federal, state, and local officials at 11:00 am on September 11. The event will be held at BrewCo following the 150FEST parade.
- The City Commission will discuss the current bike/pedestrian path project at next week’s work session. KDOT informed the City that the agency is agreeable to allowing the City to apply to use previously awarded transportation funds for the bike/pedestrian path to a different route for the path. BNSF has made it difficult to proceed with the planned alignment adjacent to the compost site.
- The City Commission will also discuss a request by Stephan Mogolis, general manager of Holiday Inn Express, regarding truck parking along El Dorado Avenue in the business park. City ordinance prohibits trucks with a gross weight in excess of 24,000 pounds to park on City streets unless necessary for local deliveries or otherwise signed to allow truck parking. El Dorado Avenue is not signed to allow trucks to park on it. Mogolis wants the City to allow trucks to park on El Dorado Avenue because the Holiday Inn and Days Inn parking lots are not large enough to accommodate trucks who may be staying overnight. Staff explained that trucks were not allowed to park on City streets because the streets were not built for large trucks and such use causes damage.
- Staff discussed the fire apparatus to be included in the issuance of G.O. bonds later this year. The Fire Department will begin developing the bid specifications for the apparatus so it may be let to bid before the end of the year. The unit will generally follow standard specifications for a fire engine, similar to Engine No. 10 that it will replace. Fire Chief Joe Haag estimates that the engine will cost \$700,000 after outfitting. He has been told by a least one manufacturer that pricing may increase upwards of 50% at the beginning of next year. We are moving quickly to get the engine ordered this year to avoid a significant upcharge. It is also unlikely the City will take ownership of the engine next year even if ordered this year due to supply chain issues.
- Staff submitted a Letter of Intent to Butler County Emergency Management concerning two possible projects for inclusion in the state’s application for FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) funds. The first project includes the purchase of back-up generators for several

critical facilities. The total estimated cost of these generators is \$1.29 million. Most facilities have generators, although this request would update the existing generators to meet current needs. It would also request funds for facilities that do not have generators.

- The second project allows the City to acquire and preserve “repetitive loss” properties within the regulated floodplain. In other words, the City would acquire properties that frequently flood and remove them from the floodplain. Acquisition of properties in the floodplain reduces or eliminates risk to people living in structures prone to flooding and damage. The County will review the information for both requests and determine whether to forward them on to the state for consideration in the state’s application for BRIC funds.
- KDOT held a virtual Local Consult meeting to provide an opportunity for communities to share local highway projects for inclusion in KDOT’s annual program. El Dorado presented improvements to the Boyer and Central intersection on K-254 and the turnpike. This project has been on the state’s priority list for the region for several years, so we continue to share the importance of improving this intersection for safety and efficiency. Highway projects must go through the Local Consult process to be considered for state highway funding.
- The Police Department reported 168 cases in August. The department closed or referred 79% of these cases. The department investigated 18 accidents, 10 battery cases, 7 burglary cases, 18 criminal damage to property cases, and 14 theft cases during the month. Eighteen warrants were issued.

Personnel Update:

- The following positions are vacant and currently advertised: Police Officer, Public Works Maintenance Worker (2), Distribution/Collection Maintenance Worker, and Sanitation Lead.

Commission Calendar:

- *Upcoming City Commission Items (subject to change):*
 - **September 15 Work Session** – ARP Employee Bonus Program; Code of Procedure; Truck Routes and Parking; Bike/Pedestrian Path Grant
 - **September 20 Regular Meeting** - 2022 Budget Hearing and Adoption
 - **September 29 Work Session** –
 - **October 4 Regular Meeting** –