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TO: City Commission  
FROM: David Dillner, City Manager  
SUBJ: Weekly Report  
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### **Items of Note:**

- The City will close on Monday in honor of Memorial Day. Staff has worked diligently these last few days to get the cemeteries ready for this important weekend. Even so, the recent rains have made it difficult to get everything trimmed to the expected standard. Cemeteries and public rights-of-way do not look terrible, although there are some spots that may look worse off due to standing water or ground saturation. Please be patient as we work through these natural challenges.
- Katie Sawyer from Senator Marshall's office provided an update on the City's request regarding outstanding obligations for future water storage. It appears the City's request is moving through the federal process with positive momentum as the committee reviewing the request is supportive. Senator Marshall's office is optimistic the language will be included in the reauthorization legislation, although they will not know for sure until the final draft. At this time, there is no set timeline for when the package will receive a vote.
- The Public Utilities Department received bids for the Industrial Water Tower Rehabilitation Project. The project will clean and paint the interior and exterior surfaces to protect and extend the useful life of the asset. The City budgeted \$185,000 for this work, and the bids came in favorably at \$164,000. Utility Services Company was the low bidder. The next lowest bidder came in at \$173,000.
- Black and Veatch will soon provide a final draft of the Water Treatment Study. The firm is currently putting together a financial model to help the City plan for major capital projects based on development triggers. Garver provided the City with the final draft of the Sanitary Sewer Master Plan. Staff will share the results of both of these studies with the City Commission in the coming weeks.
- This week, staff met an electric engineer from MKEC at the municipal pool to review a proposed solution to the identified grounding issues. MKEC provided a memorandum outlining the proposed solutions and effectively endorsing the plan as sufficient to make the pool safe for public use. Staff ordered materials needed to make the necessary repairs and will go about implementing the plan as quickly as possible in order to salvage as much of the swim season as possible. We believe that we can have the pool opened by mid- to late-June. Lifeguards are on-hold awaiting the call to return to service. As I have mentioned in prior communication, the City will remove the large slide due to grounding issues that cannot be easily addressed as well as other safety concerns raised during the inspection. The slide has reached the end of its useful life and will need replaced for future seasons.

- It is very apparent that the pool is in need of some significant maintenance. The facility turns fifty years old this year. The facility issues I noticed do not raise to the level of significant safety concerns, although there are several things that need addressed in the near future. Staff developed a preliminary capital improvement plan that addresses many park projects, including the municipal pool. We will share this plan in the near future so we can perhaps get started with implementation.
- The Engineering Department received bids for street improvements at the Deer Run Addition. The Engineer's estimate was \$413,413, and the low bid came in at \$408,387.

**Personnel Update:**

- *Vacant and advertised positions:* Public Works Maintenance Worker (5), Police Officer (2), Fire Captain, Building Maintenance Worker, Wastewater Superintendent, Wastewater Operators (2).
- Curt Johnson earned his Class III Water Operator certification and Stevie Becker earned his Class IV Water Operator certification.
- The Public Utilities Department will interview around six candidates for wastewater operators in the coming weeks.

**Commission Calendar:**

- *Upcoming City Commission Items (subject to change):*
  - **June 1 Work Session Meeting** –Tall Weeds and Grass Amendment (Native Grass Plantings); Golf Cart Ordinance; Park Capital Plan; BASE Grant Finance Plan
  - **June 6 Regular Meeting** –BASE Grant Local Match Authorization Resolution; Liquor Tax Distributions; Industrial Water Tower Project bids; Deer Run Public Infrastructure bids
- *Pending Items (Items to be scheduled for upcoming meeting once completed):* Street Cut Ordinance; Food Vendor Ordinance; Transient Vendor Ordinance; Business Park Re-platting and Rezoning