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

- The City received two proposals for the Automated Metering System Project. Staff will review the proposals before making a recommendation to the City Commission.
- Surveying for the proposed Gordy Street Stormwater Improvement Project (Central Avenue to 2nd Street) and downtown streetscape improvements (“bulb-outs” at the intersections of 1st Street and Main Street and Pine Street and Main Street) will begin soon.
- The City will provide the survey data from PEC for the Central Avenue Improvement Project to KDOT to coordinate with the planned KDOT US-54 Bridge Replacement Project.
- Hellas completed the turf installation at McDonald Stadium. They have general site cleanup remaining. Staff expects Hellas to conclude at the end of the week. City crews will have some sod replacement and other grass repairs to complete once Hellas has cleared out. The project appears to be on budget. Approximately one-half of the McDonald Stadium fence arrived last week. The remainder is anticipated to arrive within the next 7-10 days.
- Conco marked the corners for the East and Central concession stands, and grading work continues this week.
- The Graham Park splash pad has closed for the season. The North Main splash pad had issues with the feature pump over the Labor Day weekend. Park staff investigated the issue and believe they fixed it to keep it operational for the next few weeks.
- An adult softball tournament will be held at the Walnut River Complex on Saturday. Soccer, flag football, and volleyball practices started. Games will begin on September 23.
- Cemetery crews are keeping up on mowing, although trimming and weed eating remains behind schedule due to funeral services and staffing shortage.
- PEC completed the draft site certification application for the former CIC Refinery site. Once finalized, the application will be provided to the Kansas Department of Commerce for approval. KDOC only has a handful of sites certified throughout the state, and the CIC site will be the largest certified site in the program once it receives approval.
- The Engineering Department started design work for the N. Main Street Connecting City Links Improvement Program (CCLIP) Project. This project will provide a mill and overlay on N. Main Street from 6th Avenue to McCollum in 2024.

- The Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on September 28 to consider amendments to the temporary sign regulations. Staff anticipates proposed amendments being forwarded to the City Commission for approval in October.
- Scott and I participated in a KDOT review of the City’s compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. Federal regulations require the City to implement practices that mitigate discrimination based on race, color, national origin, etc., when it receives federal funding. The review provided a few areas in which the City can improve its application of Title VI, including reviewing and approving a formal Title VI policy. The City currently has a draft Title VI policy that needs some modification before being considered for approval by the City Commission.
- The K-254 Corridor Management Plan Steering Committee met this week. The committee reviewed community input, crash data, market analysis, and land use plans for the corridor. The committee had a good conversation about preferences regarding the location and type of intersection improvements along the corridor, including interchanges, overpasses, R-cuts, and acceleration lanes. The committee discussed that the western section of Rock-Webb-Greenwich would likely be a top priority. KDOT will likely handle this area separately and in parallel with the K-254 Corridor Management Plan because of the Integra Technologies development. The Committee also discussed several intersections in Butler County to compile input to develop improvement concepts. Additional data will be collected in anticipation of the next meeting in October.
- Save the Date: The League’s annual conference is October 7-9 in Wichita.

City Manager’s Priorities:

1. 2024 Budget
2. Sales Tax Ballot Question
3. Civic Center Disposition
4. BCC Facilities/Project Agreements

Upcoming Milestones/Deadlines:

- **October** – Draft Housing Needs Assessment Report
- **October** – McDonald Stadium Turf and Fence Installation
- **October** – Preliminary Engineering Central Avenue Water Main Project
- **November 7** – General Election (City’s one-cent sales tax)
- **December** – Completion of East Park Concession/Restroom Facility
- **December** – Constant Creek Sewer Interceptor Project Bid Opening
- **January 2024** – Completion of Central Park Concession/Restroom Facility
- **February 2024** – McDonald Stadium Scoreboard Installation

Personnel Update:

- *Vacant and advertised positions:* Public Works Maintenance Worker (4), Police Officer (1), Building Official
- *Vacant and not advertised positions:* Management Analyst
- *Conditional Offers (pending post-offer screening):* Police Officer (3); Firefighter

- The Fire Department promoted Caleb Fistler to Lieutenant. The department has one pending offer of employment for a firefighter position.
- Police officer testing and interviews are scheduled for September 14. Five individuals have been invited to this round of testing, and two of those invitees have confirmed attendance. Joseph Butcher will begin as a Police Officer beginning September 18.
- Travis Schlegel will begin as an Engineering Technician I starting September 11.

Commission Calendar: *Upcoming City Commission Items (subject to change):*

- **September 13 Work Session** – No meeting
- **September 18 Regular Meeting** – Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing; Budget Hearing
- **September 27 Work Session** – Social Media Policy; Proclamation Policy; Public Comment Policy; Publication Charter Ordinance; General Financial and Budgetary Policies