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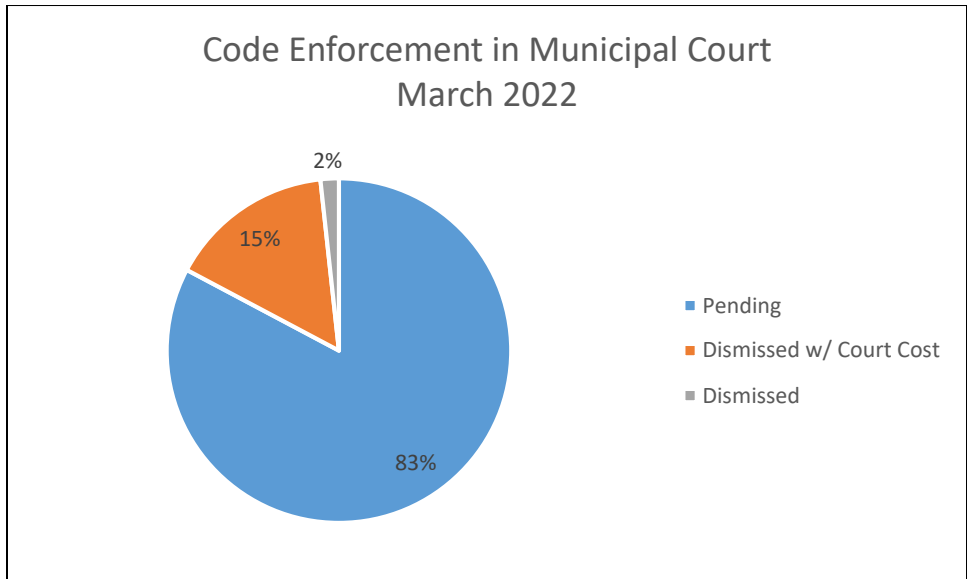
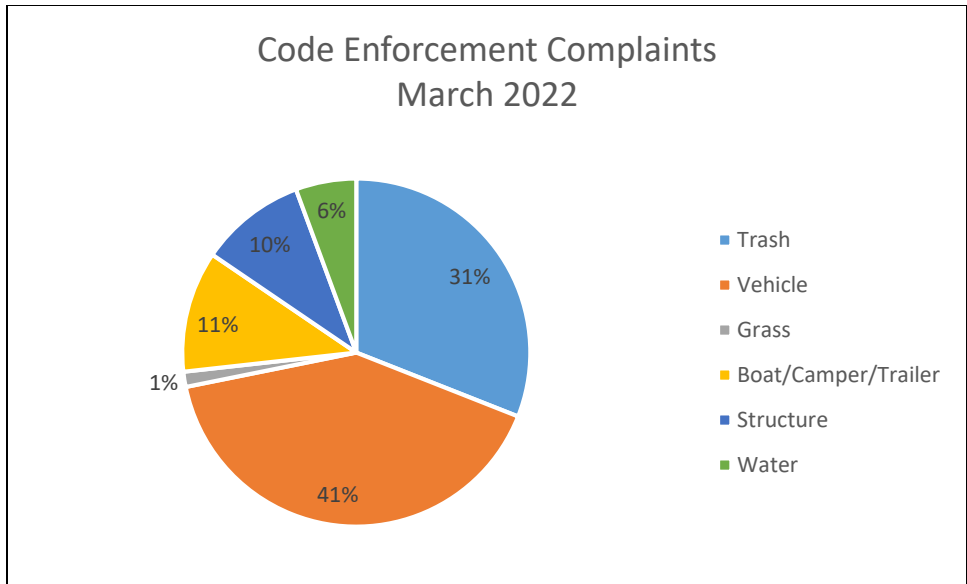
TO: City Commission
FROM: David Dillner, City Manager
SUBJ: Weekly Report
DATE: April 8, 2022

Items of Note:

- KDOT plans to replace the bridge over the Walnut River along E. 12th Avenue. KDOT will begin survey work around April 11 to gather information necessary for the design of the proposed improvement. The survey will take about five weeks, weather permitting. KDOT anticipates letting the project for bid in May 2025.
- Staff reviewed conceptual alignments for the Bike/Pedestrian Path. This asset frequently receives high marks from the public when the City seeks feedback from the public on the park system. Last year, the City withdrew its application for KDOT funding due to difficulties in working with BNSF on the proposed alignment. The City needs to develop a new alignment that avoids obstacles such as the railroad if it is to continue to extend the path. Staff will develop an approach for the City Commission's review that provides paths through neighborhoods with minimal investment. This strategy will allow the City to identify safer routes for biking and walking, while also identifying an alignment for the path's continued extension. The complete strategy includes the following objectives:
 - Reintroduce the Neighborhood Sidewalk Program to replace or repair sidewalks in the community.
 - Develop routes for a Neighborhood Safety Program where signs, painting, and other small-scale improvements may facilitate the extension of a safe and accessible alignment for walking (sidewalks) and biking (wide streets with capacity for shared lanes).
 - Obtain community input for potential neighborhood routes for this program.
 - Develop a concept for the next phase of the Bike/Pedestrian Path for submittal to KDOT for funding.
- The City will soon shift its approach for the short-term financing of capital projects. The current practice is to use cash on hand to pay for projects and then borrow funds through the issuance of bonds to repay the used cash. This methodology minimizes the City's flexibility by reducing the amount of cash available for operations and emergencies. It can also create challenges with respect to monitoring project financing. Moving forward, the City will use temporary financing instead of borrowing from cash in the bank. The financial policies may need revised in order to facilitate this change. Staff is currently reviewing some options to guide this process before making these changes.
- Staff reviewed a concept to close the rear alley at District 142 to create an outdoor social area. The property owner inquired as to whether the City will support the closure of the public alley to accommodate this concept. City departments will review the proposal and consider potential impacts to public services.

- This past week, I articulated a vision for the organizational culture to guide the municipal organization. The vision *“an organizational culture that strives for excellence through teamwork.”* will guide the expectations I have for the organization’s culture. Generally, I expect departments to work continuously towards higher-quality services. Everything the City does should seek to improve upon existing processes, behaviors, and systems to provide better services to the community. Many of the challenges the City faces as a municipal government will require collaboration with other departments, agencies, and stakeholders.
- The Police Department investigated 128 cases for the month of March, including 12 accidents, 11 drugs charges, 5 sex offenses, and 12 thefts. Year-to-date, the department has investigated 438 cases compared to 415 during the same period a year ago (+5%). The department issued 154 citations issued through March compared to 206 citations a year ago (-25%). The Police Department responded to 1,198 calls for service through March compared to 1,161 through March 2021 (+3%). The department’s clear/close rate for cases for the year is 69%.

Municipal Court Monthly Revenue - March 2022			
	2022	2021	2020
Fines	\$17,637	\$27,194	\$23,057
LEC Court Costs	\$9,857	\$13,348	\$11,130
Law Enforcement Fund	\$2,682	\$3,403	\$3,188
Miscellaneous Fees	\$3,751	\$3,561	\$3,935
Restitution	\$516	\$270	\$799
Attorney Fees	\$390	\$646	\$335
Monthly Totals	\$34,832	\$48,422	\$42,443
Court Revenue - YTD	\$77,745	\$100,970	\$126,618
March	2022	2021	2020
Driving Under the Influence	4	9	5
Notice to Appear/Violations	211/247	560/651	594/696
Warrants Issued	23		
Warrants Served	6		



- There will not be a work session next week. I will be out of the office chaperoning for the EHS Band trip to Winter Park, Colorado.

Personnel Update:

- *Vacant and advertised positions:* Public Works Maintenance Worker (6), Assistant Court Clerk, Police Officer (3), Fire Captain, and Building Maintenance Worker.
- Chelsea Bearce resigned her position as Building Maintenance Worker to accept a private sector position.

Commission Calendar:

- *Upcoming City Commission Items (subject to change):*
 - **April 13 Work Session** – Cancelled
 - **April 18 Regular Meeting** – Resolution for Redemption and Option to Purchase (Orscheln’s TIF); Augusta Wholesale Water Agreement
 - **April 27 Work Session** – Code Enforcement Process
 - **May 2 Regular Meeting** – No items scheduled yet
- *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