



**City of Lansing**  
800 First Terrace  
Lansing, Kansas 66043

## **City Administrator's Report**

February 18, 2021

### **Agenda Items:**

County Commissioner Jeff Culbertson and County Public Works Director Bill Noll will be present to discuss the proposed Eastern Gateway bridge project to connect the area to Missouri 152.

A fence permit request on a corner lot is on the agenda for 630 Hillcrest Circle is on the agenda.

Approval of the McIntyre Wastewater Study is on the agenda for Thursday evening. This plan outlines the best way to move forward with servicing sewer in southern Lansing along the K7 corridor. In addition to approval of the study, I would like the Council to begin thinking about when it would be prudent to begin design. In some ways, it would be nice to have the design complete so a project is shovel ready once development is ready to occur.

The Roadway Maintenance Agreement that Mike Spickelmier presented at the last City Council work session was approved by Leavenworth County at their February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. The agreement formalizes and puts in writing existing arrangements on maintenance for roadways around Lansing. Final approval of this document is on the agenda for Thursday evening.

### **Community & Economic Development:**

Great progress is being made on the new Mutual Savings Association building on K7! The contractor is currently working on the interior of the building as well as exterior masonry. Inspection services are being provided by IBTS.

Site grading for Club Carwash is underway. Evergy recently installed electrical to the site via boring under Eisenhower Road. Footings have been installed and completed, and we expect the walls to go up soon. We anticipate they will be open this spring.

Plans for Harbor Freight were reviewed by staff and returned with minor modifications and corrections. The traffic study was received by the City over a month ago and was satisfactory. Harbor Freight is also planning on applying for Neighborhood Revitalization, which will rebate the value of the improvement to them on their property taxes over the next ten years, de-escalating each subsequent year after the first six years. We are hopeful for a spring groundbreaking with opening in the fall of 2021.

The preliminary plat and rezone of the Fairlane and Santa Fe townhomes is on the February 17<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission agenda. The portion of the property east of Econolodge was zoned B3 and is proposed to go to R4. Current plans call for at least 23 two-bedroom units.



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The City is proud to welcome two new businesses to Lansing. Select Physical Therapy is now located at 100 East Kansas, the former site of Anytime Fitness. Bases Loaded, a new sports memorabilia shop, will be at 1000 N Main Street. Be sure to check these new businesses. Welcome to Lansing Select Physical Therapy and Bases Loaded!

#### **Public Works:**

Design work continues on the Eisenhower/K7 intersection project. We had productive meetings with Evergy and KDOT last week to discuss the relocation of above ground power lines. Based on recent meetings, the plans now call for boring near TSC toward ShoeBox, placing the Evergy lines underground and cleaning up the intersection a bit. The box culvert under Eisenhower will need to be extended, which was not part of the initial engineering scope. The additional work for the box culvert adds approximately \$11,000 in engineering fees to each Lansing and Leavenworth. We are anticipating a bid date this summer, with completion currently slated for mid-2022. Since this is a project where space is at a premium, KDOT gave approval to a slight lane shift along with lane narrowing from 12' to 11'. Recent construction estimates have the project coming in around \$1.5Million. Our KDOT grant will cover 80% of the construction, with Lansing covering the remaining 2/3 and Leavenworth covering the final 1/3. There will be other costs associated with the project, including land acquisition, utility relocation, and engineering, which KDOT will not contribute.

We are meeting with Wilson & Company to revisit the K7/Gilman intersection. There are some concerns that traffic counts now will be reduced due to the pandemic. The City and KDOT have provided to the engineer updated crash information from this intersection. We anticipate a memo from the engineer regarding this intersection in the next month.

The County's cost share program has been shelved due to funds now being used for a matching County grant. Lansing had previously applied for funds for the roundabout at 4H/DeSoto. The engineering plans for the roundabout are 98% complete, with the next steps being land acquisition and utility relocation. We originally had discussed tackling this project in 2022. In the future, we need to refine our timeline and discuss the best way to move forward funding this project.

#### **Wastewater:**

Pipe installation continues on the Ward One Sewer Project. To date, Linaweaver Construction has installed approximately 750' of new pipe and is approximately 75% complete. The project was extended north by approximately 25' to terminate the project outside of right of way. The contract allows for 75 calendar days for final completion, but recent weather delays have pushed back completion to early March.



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### **Library:**

The Library has moved into the next phase of reopening. The building is now open for patrons to browse the collection, check materials in and out, pick up story time and school-aged craft packs. As well as use the printing/copying, notary, and faxing services.

The staff are preparing for the summer reading program and are exploring a variety of programs based on the conditions at the time.

The Library has fun and educational activities planned to go along with the Black History Month and Women's History Month Reading Challenges.

### **Sales Tax Update:**

	<b>2020 YTD</b>	<b>2021 YTD</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>Local Sales &amp; Use Tax (1.45%)</b>	\$127,583	\$127,276	-\$307 (-.25%)
<b>County Sales Tax</b>	\$77,176	\$74,432	-\$2,744 (-3.56%)
<b>County Use Tax</b>	\$19,674	\$22,569	\$2,895 (14.71%)
<b>Guest Tax</b>	\$29,499	\$55,277	\$25,778 (87.39%)

### **Meetings & Announcements:**

We are still in Phase Two of the vaccine rollout. Leavenworth County is progressing on the distribution of vaccines. They gave nearly 1,400 vaccines at a clinic on February 10 and are planning on another 1,200 for a clinic this week. I offered assistance to help get the word out on the City eblast and social media, as well as our facility when the times comes.

- Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
  - Santa Fe Townhomes - Rezone and Prelim Plat
- Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> City Council Work Session, 7:00pm, City Hall
  - 2021 Pavement Preservation Program
- Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> Tree Board Meeting, 5:30pm, Lansing Activity Center
- Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> PRAB Meeting, 7:00pm, Lansing Activity Center
- Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
  - Rezone Request, 1153 Industrial Terrace, B3 to I1

Sincerely,

Tim Vandall