



City of Lansing  
800 First Terrace  
Lansing, Kansas 66043

## **City Administrator's Report**

March 18, 2021

### **Agenda Items:**

An executive session for attorney client privilege is on the agenda for Thursday evening. There is also a scheduled executive session for land acquisition.

The City's current mask requirement expires on March 31<sup>st</sup>. I spoke to the County Health Officer this week. With vaccinations currently increasing and the number of new positive tests significantly decreasing, the expiration of the mask requirement on March 31<sup>st</sup> is reasonable. If our current requirement expires, private businesses can still require masks. Additionally, even wearing masks are not required, in many cases it could still be recommended. Due to the nationwide shortage of blood, the City is joining with the Lansing Kiwanis to host a blood drive at the Community Center on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> from 12pm-6pm. As of March 15<sup>th</sup>, Leavenworth County has administered 10,101 first doses of the vaccine, and 5,665 second doses, for a total of 15,766 doses administered.

### **CARES Act Projects Update:**

We are awaiting further details regarding the recently passed American Rescue Plan. Cities of Lansing's size can expect to receive an allocation from the State of Kansas in approximately two-three months. To date, the City has not received word of how much funding we will receive. We are aware that the funds can be spent more broadly than CARES Act Funds, but we do not have specifics on exactly what the funds can or cannot be used for.

We are near the conclusion of all City projects associated with the CARES Act. Work is near completion on the digital sign west of City Hall. We plan to utilize the sign to post public health reminders and updates related to the pandemic. The water fountains with bottle fillers were installed last week in all city facilities. Finally, we anticipate installation of technology improvements in meeting rooms to take place in the very near future. These updates were designed to improve teleworking capabilities and allow staff to attend meetings safely without traveling.

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

A rezoning hearing is scheduled for the March 16<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting to discuss rezoning two vacant lots at 1153 Industrial Terrace from B3 to I1.

The City is proud to welcome Clearview Imaging and Pain Group to Lansing! They are in the Eisenhower Medical Building at 1004 Progress Drive, Suite 170.



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

Walls are being erected at the Club Carwash on Eisenhower. Every recently installed electrical to the site via boring under Eisenhower Road. We are hopeful for a spring opening.

We anticipate Harbor Freight to break ground later this month. All plans have been approved, and the final step is ensuring all contractors are licensed. Harbor Freight is applying for Neighborhood Revitalization, which will rebate them the value of the improvement on their property taxes over the next ten years, de-escalating each subsequent year after the first six years. We are excited to welcome this new business to Lansing!

#### **Public Works:**

Design work continues on the Eisenhower/K7 intersection project. We had productive meetings with Every 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 Every 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.

#### **Wastewater:**

The Ward One Sewer Project reached substantial completion on March 11<sup>th</sup>. All new manholes and sewer lines have been installed and are now in service. The asphalt cap for the road repair will be completed once materials are available, which should be within two weeks. The road will be opened on March 15<sup>th</sup>, once the concrete cap and flowable fill have had sufficient cure time. Seeding and final grading will be completed in the coming days, weather permitting. Performance testing will also be completed within the next two weeks.

#### **Sales Tax Update:**

	2020 YTD	2021 YTD	Difference
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<b>Local Sales &amp; Use Tax (1.45%)</b>	\$259,891	\$272,289	\$12,398 (4.77%)
<b>County Sales Tax</b>	\$158,237	\$160,631	\$2,394 (1.51%)
<b>County Use Tax</b>	\$42,243	\$43,134	\$891 (2.11%)
<b>Guest Tax</b>	\$29,499	\$55,277	\$25,778 (87.39%)

### **Library:**

The Library is collaborating with the six public libraries in the area to host a series of “We’ve Been Here Before” programs, which examine historical events that have lessons to teach us. For the first program in the “We’ve Been Here Before” series, the libraries partnered with The National World War I Museum and Memorial for a presentation on the Spanish Flu Pandemic of 1918. This program has recently been picked up by C-SPAN to air nationally.

### **Meetings & Announcements:**

The SWAG Committee (Solid Waste Assessment Group) will meet the final week of March to begin discussions on solid waste in Lansing. Our current contract with Waste Management expires in the first quarter of 2022.

The City has openings for the Police Officer I/II position.

The City is accepting volunteer applications for the following positions: Tree Board, PRAB, Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, and Library Board.

- Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
  - Rezone Request, 1153 Industrial Terrace, B3 to I1
- Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- **Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>** City Council Work Session, 7:00pm, City Hall
  - Discussion on housing in Lansing
- Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup> City Council Work Session, 7:00pm, City Hall

Sincerely,

Tim Vandall