

# City Administrator's Report

June 3, 2021

### Agenda Items:

Bids for the traffic signal poles on K7/Eisenhower were solicited early to ensure there were no delays for the general contractor later in the project. Three bids were received and were opened on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Results are listed below.

<u>Vendor</u>	Bid	<b>Delivery</b>
Engineers Estimate	\$120,000.00	
Gades Sales Co. Inc.	\$81,406.00	15 weeks
Mid American Signal	\$114,509.00	15 weeks
Traffic Signal Controls Inc.*	\$97,346.00	8-12 weeks

Based on the construction reimbursement breakdown, our KDOT grant would pay for \$65,124.8 of this, Lansing would be responsible for \$10,854.68, and Leavenworth would be responsible for \$5,426.52.

A Temporary Special Event Permit for Embrace the Grape of Kansas LLC is on the agenda. If approved, this will allow them to move forward selling alcohol at the Independence Days celebration.

A request for a fence with a slightly reduced setback at 412 Caraway Place is on the agenda.

Ordinance No. 1062 amends the UDO to allow for Apiaries (Hobby) on agricultural parcels greater than five acres. This update was recommended by the Planning Commission by a 7-0 vote at their May 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

## **Community & Economic Development:**

The 10 & 2 Coffee Shop is now open at 712 First Terrace! Be sure to swing by and check out their space, it looks terrific!

Harbor Freight broke ground in May but has been slowed down by rainfall. Inspection services on this project are provided by IBTS.

The new Mutual Savings Association building on K7 is complete and open. A ribbon cutting for this new branch is scheduled for Wednesday, June  $2^{nd}$  at 4:00pm.



Club Carwash at 380 West Eisenhower is open! A ribbon cutting was postponed due to storms and rainy weather. The Chamber of Commerce will reschedule a ribbon cutting for a future date.

## **Public Works:**

Utility subcontractors have been active moving utilities out of the upcoming K7/Eisenhower project parameters. The utility plans call for boring near TSC toward ShoeBox, placing some lines underground and decluttering the intersection a bit. The land acquisition consultant has also spoken to all property owners and easement/row acquisitions have been marked. 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.

The City is working with staff from Leavenworth County to pave a small portion of New Lawrence Drive that is still gravel and within city limits. In addition to the paving, a culvert within the City's right of way needs replacement. This work would take place as part of the County's Eisenhower project, with the City paying the County's contractor for the work since the project was already bid and the contractor is mobilized. Little Joe's will be doing the asphalt work. We expect this improvement to cost the City less than \$15,000.

An updated report on the K7/Gilman intersection was submitted to the City two weeks ago. Preliminarily, the engineer felt the intersection did not warrant traffic signals at this time. Based on recent history, the engineer felt we needed to continue to monitor and possibly reevaluate the intersection if traffic counts and accidents continue to grow.

	2020 YTD	2021 YTD	Difference
Local Sales & Use	\$616,746	\$710,655	\$93,919 (15.23%)
Tax (1.45%)			
County Sales Tax	\$371,941	\$396,811	\$24,870 (6.69%)
County Use Tax	\$95,182	\$115,668	\$20,486 (21.52%)
Guest Tax	\$49,379	\$110,925	\$61,545 (124.64%)

#### Sales Tax Update:

The .45% sales tax has generated \$220,303 thus far in 2021, on pace for \$528,727 by the end of the year. DeSoto Road debt this year is slated for \$386,275. These funds will also be used to fund the Parks & Recreation Phase One design this year.



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#### Wastewater:

Design on the Town Centre Trunk Sewer Replacement project was approved at the May 20<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

The McIntyre Wastewater Extension Study was approved by the City Council on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Leavenworth County has agreed to partner with the City to design this crucial line for future growth. Staff is communicating with GBA to finalize the contract, which we hope to be presented at a future council meeting.

## Library:

The Summer Reading Program has kicked off and registration is going well. There are weekly in-person and take home activities for patrons to participate in. In-person storytime started this week. The library is participating in the area-wide One Book Many Neighbors program for adults. Each library is hosting a program centered around the Tales and Tails summer reading theme. This summer, the library will be hosting a photography and poster contest for all ages. It is so nice to see people back in the library and excited about the activities.

#### Meetings & Announcements:

• Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup>

• Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, July 3rd

The vehicles the City is auctioning off are located on the far north side of the City Hall parking lot. The auction date for the vehicles is set for June 8<sup>th</sup>. Please refer any interested parties to <u>www.purplewave.com</u>.

The City is currently accepting applications for the position of Building Inspector I/II.

We have volunteer openings for Tree Board and PRAB.

- Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
  - City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
    - City Council Work Session, 7:00pm, City Hall
      - 2022 City Budget
- Thursday, July 1<sup>st</sup> City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
  - Independence Days Celebration, Bernard Park
- Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Holiday Observed, City Offices Closed

Sincerely,

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Tim Vandall