



City of Lansing
800 First Terrace
Lansing, Kansas 66043

City Administrator's Report

July 15, 2021

Agenda Items:

Ordinance No. 1063 is for sewer and trash disposal assessments. This includes accounts that are at least two months past due. Residents are given the opportunity to be removed from the ordinance by setting up a payment plan with the City. Staff informs each customer setting up a payment plan that this will be submitted to a collection agency if the resident misses a payment.

Ordinance No. 1064 is for weed removal assessments. Upon adoption by the City Council and publication in the Leavenworth Times, this Ordinance shall constitute a lien against the property for which the service was supplied.

Ordinance No. 1065 rezones property at 24275 147th Street from RR2.5 (County design) to R2 Single Unit Residential. This rezoning, if approved, will allow the property owners to develop three new single-family homes on the subject property, after an administrative plat is completed to generate one additional lot. This action was recommended by the Planning Commission at their July 23rd meeting with a 5-0 vote. A map of the property and adjacent properties is included in the Council materials.

The McIntyre Wastewater Extension Study was approved by the City Council on February 18th. Leavenworth County has agreed to partner with the City to design this crucial line for future growth. The total design cost is just over \$500,000, with Leavenworth County voting on May 5th to allocate over \$240,000 to this project in matching funds for this design. By having design complete in 2022, we are making the McIntyre corridor more developable and saving future developers and prospects time since the project will be shovel ready. We do not have a firm date on construction at this time, as that will be dependent upon future development timelines. We anticipate Commissioner Mike Smith to attend the August 5th City Council meeting to bring the County's contribution.

A hole was reported near a storm drain on South Valley Drive in the Stonecrest subdivision. As we attempted to repair the area, it became apparent that the bottom of the culvert had rusted out throughout the length of the pipe. A steel road plate has been installed to stabilize the surface. In order to resolve this issue expediently, Public Works would like to solicit pricing from our on-call engineering firm to begin design of a permanent solution.

The Treasurer's Report is on the agenda as an informational item. The Report is published in the Leavenworth Times quarterly.

An executive session for non-elected personnel is on the agenda.



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ARP Funds:

Lansing's final American Rescue Plan allocation totals \$1,812,742. This first allocation was deposited into the City's account last week, with the next allocation slated to be deposited in summer 2022. Entities have until December 31st, 2024 to spend the funds. Based on previous discussion with the City Council and amongst the CARES/ARP Committee, we are evaluating ideas to improve broadband internet speed and reliability. Additionally, we are internally evaluating and discussing wastewater projects that can help spark growth in Lansing and improve our sewer capacity. Although internet and sewer projects are eligible, street projects are not an eligible use of funds.

Public Works:

Evergy's portion of utility relocation along K7/Eisenhower is going well and near completion. Other utilities are not quite as far along yet. We are anticipating a bid date later 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.

Concrete curb and gutter work began around town last week. We expect asphalt milling around town to begin around July 19th, with the overlay to take place later in July. Please be sure to allocate extra time traveling if you are near an impacted area. Areas included in our mill and overlay this year include:

- The northern portion of First Terrace
- Maple Lane
- N 8th St
- Nina St
- S 1st St
- S Valley Drive
- S 139th St
- W Olive St
- W McIntyre Road
- Bittersweet Lane
- S Bittersweet Court
- Pine Ridge Court
- Sage St
- The far north section of Hickory Trail



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- The southern portion of Pebble Beach Drive
- 140th St
- Kane Drive

Sales Tax Update:

	2020 YTD	2021 YTD	Difference
Local Sales & Use Tax (1.45%)	\$741,262	\$881,111	\$139,849 (18.87%)
County Sales Tax	\$447,272	\$483,682	\$36,410 (8.14%)
County Use Tax	\$113,594	\$139,991	\$26,397 (23.24%)
Guest Tax	\$49,379	\$110,925	\$61,545 (124.64%)

The .45% sales tax has generated \$273,144 thus far in 2021, on pace for \$546,288 by the end of the year. DeSoto Road debt this year is slated for \$386,275. The remaining funds will be used to fund the Parks & Recreation Phase One design this year.

Wastewater:

The belt press repair at the wastewater treatment plant was completed in early July

Design on the Town Centre Trunk Sewer Replacement project was approved at the May 20th City Council meeting. A kickoff meeting is schedule for later this month.

Community & Economic Development:

Harbor Freight broke ground in May and site work is underway. They have installed much of the storm sewer items and are working on the building footings.

Meetings & Announcements:

The City is currently accepting applications for the position of Building Inspector I/II, Public Works Maintenance, and Utility Billing Clerk. We have volunteer openings for Tree Board and PRAB.

Citizens Academy is slated to kick off in September. If you know of anyone who wants to register and learn more about the City, please encourage them to contact us!

We expect to receive census data in late August or early September.

We will be resuming the Coffee with the City Administrator event on Saturday, August 21st at 8am at City Hall. Please be sure to invite residents who have any questions about projects or want to learn more about what is new in Lansing.



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- Thursday, July 15th City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Wednesday, July 21st Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Thursday, July 29th City Council Work Session, 7:00pm, City Hall
 - Public Safety Pay Study Overview
- Thursday, August 5th City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Wednesday, August 18th Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Thursday, August 19th City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Saturday, August 21st Coffee with the City Administrator, 8am, Council Chambers
- Thursday, August 26th City Council Work Session, 7:00pm, City Hall

Sincerely,

Tim Vandall