



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

## **City Administrator's Report**

August 19, 2021

### **Agenda Items:**

After 40 years of stellar service to the City of Lansing, Jeff Focht is embarking on a much deserved retirement. We would like to thank and honor Jeff for his service to Lansing, and introduce our new Street Superintendent, Kenny Payne to you all.

Based on recent updates to state statutes, cities can allow Sunday alcohol sales prior to noon if they choose. Cities to the north and south of Lansing have approved similar ordinances. City staff communicated with two of the three liquor stores in Lansing and received positive feedback. Ordinance No. 1068 updates the times establishments can sell alcohol in Lansing on Sundays. This would need to be published twice, wait for a 60 day protest period, then take effect on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Representatives from Vireo will be on hand to update the full council on the concept design for Bernard Park. This concept was reviewed by the full Park Improvement Committee, which included Councilmen Kirby, Brungardt, and Dixon. The purpose of this presentation is to ensure the full governing body is in favor of the concept prior to the design team beginning work on construction documents.

The corrugated metal pipe (CMP) beneath Southfork Drive between Willow and Canyon View has been deteriorating and is in need of repair. A temporary concrete bottom was placed in the pipe to stabilize the bottom and is performing adequately for now. We believe a full replacement of the pipe would approach \$300,000. An alternate method of replacing a pipe like this is utilizing a plastic pipe slip liner. Public Works staff believes a pipe liner would be a quality option in this circumstance. Based on utilizing the Kansas Purchasing Agreement, Public Works has obtained a quote for \$50,012.2, plus an additional \$2,800 for shipping. Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier PE will be on hand to discuss this process.

Included on the agenda is an engineering services contract for the Valley Drive Storm Sewer Repair and Replacement project. Storm sewer in this area is over 30 years old and caused a noticeable sinkhole on Valley Drive. Upon further investigation, erosion on the bottom of the pipes was worse than expected and necessitated replacement. This contract would replace the pipes we are having issues with, as well as nearby functional pipes that are the same age. Funds are on hand for this in the Special Highway Fund, Engineering Services line item, 41113.

Enclosed is a contract for the sale of Lot 2, Lansing Towne Centre, 2<sup>nd</sup> plat for \$75,000. Of note, the City is agreeing to reimburse the buyer up to \$15,000 for any curb work needed to move the driveway north to accommodate the property and allow for stormwater detention. The buyer is



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agreeing to start construction before the end of the calendar year, with a completion date of 12-31-2022. If construction does not begin on the lot within a certain time frame, the City could purchase the lot back for the purchase price. The detention basin portion of the property will revert to the City after closing via the administrative plat process. The site plan for Family Eye Care was approved by the Planning Commission last month.

An executive session for land acquisition is requested to discuss acquisition of property related to the K7/Eisenhower project.

An executive session to review Economic Development activities pursuant to the discussion of confidential data relating to the financial affairs or trade secrets of an organization is being requested.

#### **ARP Funds:**

Lansing's American Rescue Plan allocation totals \$1,812,742. This first allocation was deposited into the City's account in July, with the next allocation slated to be deposited in summer 2022. Entities have until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 to spend the funds. Examples of eligible items include wastewater and internet/broadband projects.

#### **Public Works:**

Evergy has completed their utility relocation work along the K7/Eisenhower intersection. Other utilities are still working. 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. Land acquisition negotiations have begun. Only five properties are impacted by this project. Once land acquisition progress is being made, we can put the project out to bid.

Staff reached out to KDOT regarding median markings at K7/Gilman. Despite the City offering to pay for the markings, the idea was not approved due to the size of the intersection.

The surfacing and striping work on West McIntyre Road is complete. The rest of the asphalt work should take place in the next few weeks. 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 8<sup>th</sup> St
- Nina St
- S 1<sup>st</sup> St



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- S 139<sup>th</sup> St
- W Olive St
- W McIntyre Road
- Bittersweet Lane
- S Bittersweet Court
- Pine Ridge Court
- Sage St
- The far north section of Hickory Trail
- The southern portion of Pebble Beach Drive
- 140<sup>th</sup> St
- Kane Drive

**Sales Tax Update:**

	<b>2020 YTD</b>	<b>2021 YTD</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>Local Sales &amp; Use Tax (1.45%)</b>	\$875,195	\$1,042,645	\$167,449 (19.13%)
<b>County Sales Tax</b>	\$527,300	\$566,617	\$39,317 (7.46%)
<b>County Use Tax</b>	\$132,574	\$162,648	\$30,074 (22.68%)
<b>Guest Tax</b>	\$76,897	\$174,626	\$97,729 (127.1%)

The .45% sales tax has generated \$323,220 thus far in 2021, on pace for \$554,091 by the end of the year. DeSoto Road debt this year is slated for \$386,275. The remaining funds are being used to fund the Parks & Recreation Phase One design this year.

**Wastewater:**

A kickoff meeting for the Town Center Trunk Sewer Replacement Project was held on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Survey crews will be mobilizing in early August. Design completion is scheduled for December 31, 2021, with construction to follow, as directed by the City Council.

The consultant for the McIntyre Interceptor Sewer Project will have a kickoff meeting in the future. Survey activities will follow once leaves have fallen to provide the greatest accuracy. This project will provide the design to extend sewers to McIntyre Road, and include the installation of nearly 9,500 feet of pipe. While design will soon get rolling, we do not have a finite timeline on construction as that is partially development related.

**Library:**

The Library received a \$8,190 ARPA grant from the Kansas State Library to assist with our



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growing use of digital resources. We will also be able to purchase benches for those patrons who use the free Wi-Fi outside.

The Summer Reading Program recently ended. There were 264 participants, over 4,088 books read, and 2,085 badges earned, and 764 different activities completed. We had 806 patrons attend 56 different programs. As in the past, the staff will take the month of August to plan future activities and straighten up the library after a busy two months. Kudos to our library staff for a successful summer!

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library program is going well. In the first 3 months of accepting registrations, we have 55 children participating. We have partnered with the Lansing Kiwanis Club and the Friends of the Library to fund this program. We are also accepting private donations at the Library.

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

Harbor Freight continues to make progress. They have installed much of the storm sewer items and are making great progress on the walls. We are hopeful for a late fall opening.

The home at 1102 N 2<sup>nd</sup> Street has been demolished, graded, and seeded.

#### **Meetings & Announcements:**

The City is currently accepting applications for the position of Building Inspector I. We also have volunteer openings for Tree Board and PRAB.

A Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting will take place at Everest Heating & Cooling on August 25<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. Their location is at 100 American Avenue.

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| • Thursday, August 19 <sup>th</sup>    | City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall                 |
| • Saturday, August 21 <sup>st</sup>    | Coffee w/ the City Administrator, 8am, Council Chambers |
| • Thursday, August 26 <sup>th</sup>    | City Council Work Session, 7:00pm, City Hall            |
| • Thursday, September 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall                 |
| • Monday, September 6 <sup>th</sup>    | Labor Day Holiday, City Offices Closed                  |
| • Thursday, September 16 <sup>th</sup> | City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall                 |

Sincerely,

Tim Vandall