



City of Lansing
800 First Terrace
Lansing, Kansas 66043

City Administrator's Report October 7th, 2021

Agenda Items:

The final plat of the Richardson Replat is on the agenda for Thursday evening. This has been updated from the previous version, as the vacation of the alley has been added. Due to that not being on the original document, this needed to come back for review and acceptance again. This was recommended by the Planning Commission by a 5-0 vote at their September 15th meeting.

The MOU between the City of Lansing, VFW Post 12003, and Legion Post 411 outlines the responsibilities between all parties for oversight of the Veteran's Monument at Bernard Park. Costs to the City of Lansing are generally staff time and efforts generally associated with park maintenance.

Bids for salt were solicited through a cooperative agreement between Lansing, Leavenworth County, and all cities in the County. The low bid came from Independent Salt Company out of Kanopolis, KS for \$54.26 per ton. The salt dome is currently full and ready for winter road conditions.

William and Virginia Runnebaum of 26629 155th Street have filed a petition for exclusion of their property from City limits. A previous annexation over two decades ago ran along the section line, while their property follows the contours of 155th Street, making a majority of their property outside of city-limits, but a notable portion within the City's boundaries. Based on the changes to statutes that make annexing property incredibly challenging, the City was reluctant to simply deannex the property. In order to exclude the property from the City, the property owners have offered to voluntarily annex a buildable 2.5 acre parcel into the City. A map of the area is attached in the agenda materials. A public hearing is needed, and Ordinance No. 1073 would exclude the aforementioned property from City limits.

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 31st, 2024 to spend the funds. Examples of eligible items include wastewater and internet/broadband projects.

Public Works:

Staff anticipates the K7/Eisenhower intersection project to go out to bid this month, with bids to be opened before the end of the year. There are some items that the contractor can begin during the winter months. As the 2022 construction season begins, we encourage all citizens to utilize detours or alternate routes when practicable. Land acquisition is nearly complete. The lights,



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poles, and controllers that were previously bid have been delivered. 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 applied for grant funding from KDOT to cover over half of the costs for the proposed roundabout at 4H and DeSoto Road. The box culvert is not a part of the grant and would need to be funded separately from the same project (one closure/one mobilization). We hope to hear back from the results of this application in the next few months.

Nearly all of the mill and overlay work is complete, with Kane Drive and a portion of New Lawrence slated to be paved in mid-October. The additional concrete work in the Wyndham area is also scheduled to be completed in the coming weeks.

Parks & Recreation:

Design work on the Parks & Recreation Master Plan continues. The first portion of Phase One would build upgraded ballfields at Bernard Park, with lighting, utilities, a concession stand, permanent restrooms, etc. Once construction at Bernard Park is complete, the next phase of major improvements to City Park can commence. As the total Phase One design progresses, it is appearing possible that the Bernard Park portion of the work will be in the \$5M neighborhood, with City Park likely over \$1.2M. Staff is evaluating the best possible options for implementation of Phase One and will update the Council on ideas at a future Council meeting.

Throughout this process, Jason Crum and his team have done a great job working to get us the best possible product for the best possible price. At a recent meeting, Jason and his team brainstormed ways to save 200SF in space at the restroom/concession building, potentially saving us \$70,000 on construction costs. We are looking to roll out a park bench/picnic table sponsorship program that will hopefully save us \$30,000 on the bid package (let us know if you'd like to sponsor one). We are also applying for grants to help offset our costs a bit more too. We plan on bidding the KBP parking lot with two options; one as an asphalt option, and another as gravel if we are at the high end of our budget, with the Council making the ultimate decision based on their preference and costs to that point. Construction of Phase One can be completed without any modification to our property tax rate.

Wastewater:

Initial design for the Town Center Trunk Sewer Replacement Project is ongoing. Survey crews completed their initial survey of the project area. Design completion is scheduled for December 31, 2021, with construction to follow, as directed by the City Council.

A kickoff meeting for the McIntyre Interceptor Sewer Project will be scheduled in the future. Survey activities will follow once leaves have fallen to provide the greatest accuracy. This



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project will provide the design to extend sewers to McIntyre Road, and include the installation of nearly 9,500 feet of pipe. At this time, we do not have a finite timeline on construction as that is development related.

Sales Tax Update:

	2020 YTD	2021 YTD	Difference
Local Sales & Use Tax (1.45%)	\$1,191,043	\$1,365,647	\$176,604 (14.66%)
County Sales Tax	\$692,916	\$737,258	\$44,342 (6.39%)
County Use Tax	\$177,579	\$216,542	\$38,963 (21.94%)
Guest Tax	\$76,897	\$174,626	\$97,729 (127.1%)

Through the August disbursement, the .45% sales tax has generated \$423,351 in 2021, on pace for \$564,468 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.

Community & Economic Development:

Harbor Freight continues to make progress. We are hopeful for a late fall opening.

The closing date for Family Eyecare has been pushed back to early October. We anticipate Family Eyecare to begin grading and dirt work shortly thereafter.

Meetings & Announcements:

The City is hiring for the positions of Police Officer I/II and Part-Time Animal Control Officer. The City also has volunteer openings for Tree Board, Fire Board, and PRAB.

- Thursday, October 7th City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Saturday, October 9th Fall Festival, 10am-3pm, Angel Falls Trail
- Monday, October 11th Staff Development Day-City Offices Closed
- Wednesday, October 20th Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Thursday, October 21st City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Thursday, October 28th City Council Work Session, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Saturday, October 30th Trick or Treat Trail, 3pm-5pm, City Park

Sincerely,

Tim Vandall