



City of Lansing
800 First Terrace
Lansing, Kansas 66043

City Administrator's Report

October 21st, 2021

Agenda Items:

A proclamation is on the agenda for Thursday evening.

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, with all properties in Lansing nearly finalized. The lights, 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.

Staff members attended the virtual KDOT Local Consult. Organizations from all over the metro attended to advocate and discuss potential projects. At this event, City staff advocated for improvements to K5 to improve the safety of the roadway and to improve the region's connectivity with I435.

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



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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:

A preliminary layout for the Town Center Truck Sewer Replacement Project has been submitted. Most of the utility companies have responded to locate requests. The project team is evaluating design alternatives to minimize cost, depth of sewers, and land disturbance. Survey crews have completed their initial survey of the project area. Design completion is scheduled for December 31, 2021, with construction to follow, directed by the Council.

Survey crews have begun setting initial controls for the McIntyre Interceptor Sewer Project. Letters to property owners will be mailed this week notifying them of the design. Survey activities will follow once leaves have fallen to provide for the greatest accuracy. Drones will be used for a majority of the mapping for this project. This project would extend sewers to McIntyre Road and include the installation of 9,500 feet of sewer pipe.

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 September 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.



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Community & Economic Development:

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

Family Eyecare closed on their lot on October 8th and now owns the property. They are evaluating minor changes to the already approved site plan, which would move the building slightly north on their property. If the site plan changes, they would need to go back to the Planning Commission for approval of the revised layout.

Meetings & Announcements:

Trick of Treat Trail is taking the place of Spooky Center this year. This event will take place on Saturday, October 30th from 3pm-5pm at City Park. Be sure to spread the word!

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

- Wednesday, October 20th Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Thursday, October 21st City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Thursday, October 28th School Board Joint Meeting, 6:00pm, City Hall
- Thursday, October 28th Planning Commission Joint Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Saturday, October 30th Trick or Treat Trail, 3pm-5pm, City Park
- Thursday, November 4th City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall

Sincerely,

Tim Vandall