



City of Lansing
800 First Terrace
Lansing, Kansas 66043

City Administrator's Report

February 17, 2022

Agenda Items:

The City was made aware of the State's new BASE (Building A Stronger Economy) grant program the first week of February <https://www.kansascommerce.gov/basegrant/>. This program is intended for projects that create a positive economic impact throughout the State.

Leavenworth County reached out to the City about submitting a joint grant application to fund the sewer construction to McIntyre Road. The County Commissioners verbally committed up to \$500,000 toward McIntyre sewer construction if the grant application is successful. Staff would like authorization to file a joint grant application with Leavenworth County for the construction of the McIntyre Sewer Interceptor. If the Council agrees to move forward with the joint grant application, we may need a brief special meeting prior to our work session on February 24th to approve a joint funding agreement for the project if the grant is successful. Grant applications are due to the State on February 28th.

The current city code requires the municipal court judge to reside in Leavenworth County. Although Mr. Fuller has operated a business in Leavenworth for over 30 years, he does not reside within Leavenworth County. An amendment to city code is on the agenda for Thursday evening.

Gary Fuller is currently serving as Lansing's reserve Public Defender and was recently appointed as Leavenworth's Municipal Court Judge. Our staff has worked Mr. Fuller and is confident in his ability to serve as Lansing's Municipal Court Judge. A motion for Mayor McNeill to appoint Gary Fuller as Municipal Court Judge is on the agenda for Thursday evening.

A contract with Alfred Benesch & Company to oversee the inspection of the project is on the agenda. We anticipate construction on the K7/Eisenhower intersection project to begin within the next few months. The construction is slated for 25 weeks and will hopefully be wrapped up in late fall.

Final approval of the updated ward map has been delayed slightly while awaiting guidance from the Secretary of State's office. The map reviewed made West Gilman Road the boundary line between Ward 2 and Ward 3; however, two census tracts cross over Gilman Road, which meant our map split those two census tracts. We are awaiting guidance from the Secretary of State's office to ensure the census tracts can be split along roadways.

American Rescue Plan Projects:

The City received \$1,812,742 in American Rescue Plan funding. Of this amount, the City has



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allocated \$800,000 to RG Fiber to begin the rollout of high speed fiber based internet in Lansing. The remaining \$1,012,742 could be allocated for sewer projects throughout Lansing.

Mike Bosch with RG Fiber will be present at our March 17th City Council meeting to update the Council on their progress and answer any questions from the governing body.

Public Works:

The bid opening for the K7/Eisenhower intersection project is scheduled for March 23rd, with formal Council approval scheduled for the April 7th meeting. As the 2022 construction season begins, we encourage all citizens to utilize detours or alternate routes when practicable. 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.

Public Works Director Mike Spickelmier will be presenting on our annual Capital Improvement Plan and various projects at the February 24th work session.

Parks & Recreation:

Bid opening for the Bernard Park improvements is tentatively scheduled for March 15th. Council approval would then be slated for the April 7th regular meeting. The April 7th meeting would also require legal documents to issue general obligation bonds.

Waters Edge continues to make progress on the City's aquatics feasibility study. They will be present at the March 31st work session to brief the Council and get direction on potential locations, features, etc.

Wastewater:

Nothing new to report on the Town Center Trunk Sewer Replacement Project. 90% plans were delivered and reviewed by staff. The latest cost estimate puts the project near \$775,000, which includes a 20% contingency. Geotech work will be completed in the coming weeks. Easement documents are under development, which can then be sent to the appraiser. Construction of this project will follow, as directed by the Council.

Preliminary plans for the McIntyre Sewer Interceptor project have been reviewed by staff and returned to GBA. An updated cost estimate for this project was developed using recent bid tabs for regional projects; the estimate puts the project at \$4.5M, which includes a 40% contingency. The project cost should cover the costs associated with Geotech work, appraisal work, and potential easement acquisition. Half of the design fee for this project was paid for by the Leavenworth County Board of County Commissioners. This project will extend sewers to McIntyre Road, and include the installation of nearly 9,500' of pipe.



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Year End Sales Tax Update:

	2021 YTD	2022 YTD	Difference
Local Sales & Use Tax (1.45%)	\$127,276	\$168,256	\$40,980 (32.2%)
County Sales Tax	\$74,432	\$81,575	\$7,143 (9.59%)
County Use Tax	\$23,004	\$33,005	\$10,001 (43.48%)
Guest Tax	\$55,277	No Disbursement Yet	\$-

Through the January disbursement, the .45% sales tax has generated \$52,159. The 2022 debt payment for DeSoto Road is \$388,075.

Community & Economic Development:

We are expecting Family Eye Care to begin dirt work in February.

Harbor Freight is open! Be sure to swing by and check them out!

Meetings & Announcements:

The City is currently accepting applications for Police Officer I/II.

The City has also volunteer openings for Tree Board, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and Library Advisory Board.

- Thursday, February 17th City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Monday, February 21st President's Day Holiday, City Offices Closed
- Thursday, February 24th City Council Work Session, 7:00pm, City Hall
 - Public Works-CIP/M&O Briefing/Discussion
- Thursday, March 3rd City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Wednesday, March 16th Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
 - Conditional Use Permit, 20th Street
 - Preliminary Plat, 147th Street
- Thursday, March 17th City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Thursday, March 31st City Council Work Session, 7:00pm, City Hall
 - Update on Aquatics Feasibility Study

Sincerely,

Tim Vandall