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TO: City Commission  
FROM: David Dillner, City Manager  
SUBJ: Weekly Report  
DATE: April 26, 2024

### Items of Note:

- The test phase of the automated meter system has been installed and activated. The meters started communicating with the base station and collecting water usage.
- Mayer Specialties plans to complete the Cure-In-Place-Pipe Sewer Project serving the Arizona/Lawndale area in May.
- The Parks and Recreation Department is accepting team registrations for adult softball until May 17.
- The Parks and Recreation Department continues prepare the municipal pool for the upcoming summer season. They hope to begin filling the pool this weekend. Lifeguards will receive training this weekend at Wichita State.
- Park staff planted flowers in the greenhouse in preparation for placement downtown in early May.
- The City Commission will consider the contract for the Central Avenue Improvement Project at the May 6 meeting. A pre-construction meeting is tentatively scheduled for the week of May 20. The City Commission will receive an overview of the project at the May 15 work session.
- Scott Rickard met with JEO to discuss different types of rehabilitation treatments for asphalt roads. This is an effort to understand what has worked on other networks to make the annual sales tax allocation maintain more streets. The City plans to devise a strategy utilizing its new street conditions map to meet with vendors and discuss alternatives for maintenance.
- The Engineering Department completed a detailed spreadsheet for Public Works outlining the roads that need crack sealing. The department estimates that there are about 120 roads that need crack seal treatment.
- With a 5-1 vote, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the rezoning request for the proposed Towanda Development west of Butler Community College. The proposed rezoning would change the area from “A-R, Agricultural Residential” to “R-3, Multi-Family.” The Planning Commissioner voting against the request did so based on the rationale that a change to R-3 would allow residential development that would be too dense for the area. The Planning Commission also approved the Belly Acres West plat. The rezoning request will return to the City Commission for consideration at the May 20 regular meeting.
- This week, the Fire Department reported twenty-nine incidents: Fires – 3, Medical/Rescue – 10, Hazardous Conditions – 4, Service Call – 6, and Good Intent Call –

6. The department also accumulated ninety-eight aggregate staff training hours and completed seven inspections.

- This week, the Police Department reported the following number of incidents: Domestic Battery – 2; Trespassing – 2; Theft – 1; Assault – 1; Burglary Attempt – 1; Runaway – 1 (juvenile was located); Criminal Damage – 1; Warrant Arrests – 2; Sex Offense – 1; Drug Arrest – 2; Injury Accident – 1; Non-Injury Accident - 3.
- City staff met with Butler Community College staff to begin discussions regarding Gold Fest 2024. This year's event will be held south of BG Stadium to accommodate construction in downtown. The College has been very supportive of the event. We will have the College band and various student groups/teams walking from campus to the stadium prior to kickoff instead of doing the Grizzly Gold Parade. Staff will soon meet with USD 490 staff to discuss alternatives for the annual Homecoming Parade, which is the day before Gold Fest.
- Several officers from the Police Department completed the first round of leadership training from the Kansas Leadership Center this week. The department received a grant from the KLC to pay for this training earlier this year. More officers are scheduled to attend the training later this year.
- Animal Shelter staff met with a representative from K9 Turf to investigate placing turf in the outside run area. This area was mentioned as needing reconfiguration during the shelter's recent inspection because it cannot be cleaned. K9 Turf is a product designed to be cleaned and disinfected, especially after a viral outbreak such as parvo. Animal Shelter staff also met with a local contractor to epoxy the floors inside the shelter to address concerns raised during the inspection. Currently, the floors are tile and concrete, and the state's regulatory agency is concerned with the age of the tile and the concrete absorbing feces remnants and continuing to spread diseases.
- Animal Control Officer Jay Marshall worked on three non-life-threatening bite cases this past week.
- The Public Works Department is currently evaluating the list of leased vehicle requests and equipment and their uses with all departments to better determine what needs to be replaced and the appropriate timeline for replacements. This recalibration of the replacement schedule will determine annual funding requirements.
- Public Works declared an end to winter and will remove snowplows, spreaders, and brine units from dump trucks.
- Ken Huffman attended a cyber security conference last week in Wichita. He brought back a lot of good information that will help keep the City's network secure.
- Air traffic at the airport was up as the airport sold 507 gallons of fuel at the airport between Thursday and Thursday. There were 86 arrivals and departures. Weibe Air conducted spray plane operations spraying emerging wheat this week. Several hunters from Nashville flew into the airport to hunt turkey on opening day with one of our local outfitters.
- The Walnut River Showdown Beef Show will be taking place Saturday at the Butler County Fairgrounds.
- The Brewery will continue to host their Food Truck Thursday nights through the summer.

- **SAVE THE DATE:** The Mural Plaza ribbon cutting has been scheduled for May 2 at 5:30 pm.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** Coffee with a Cop is scheduled for May 14 at 7:00 pm at the Elks Club, 121 E. Pine Avenue.

**City Manager’s Priorities:**

1. Housing Work Plan
2. Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan
3. Economic Development Incentive Update

**Upcoming Milestones/Deadlines:**

- **May 6** – Central Avenue Project Contract Approval
- **May 20** – Constant Creek Sewer Interceptor Project Contract Approval
- **May 15** – Turf and track replacement at BG Stadium begins
- **August** – Transportation Master Plan Completion

**Personnel Update:**

- *Vacant, advertised positions:* Public Works Maintenance Worker (6), Patrol Officers (2), Detective, Public Utilities Maintenance Worker
- Patrol Sergeant Jason Humbargar resigned this week. He will serve as a reserve officer to assist the department periodically.
- A preliminary offer has been extended to a candidate for the Detective position. This candidate will now move into the background process.

**Commission Calendar:** *Upcoming City Commission Items (subject to change):*

- **May 1 Work Session** – Humankind Ministries Presentation; Stadium Financing; Commission Strategic Priorities
- **May 6 Regular Meeting-** Central Avenue Improvement Project Bids; Stadium Authorizing Resolution and Agreement
- **May 15 Work Session** – Central Avenue Project Overview; Utility CIP Review; Utility Rate Proposal; Economic Development Incentive Policies
- **May 20 Regular Meeting** – Public Hearings on Dilapidated Houses; W. Towanda Rezoning Request; Belly Acres West Plat