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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

November 13, 2008

MUNICIPAL CODE UPDATE:

I will be bringing drafts of the new municipal code to everyone. They have been reviewed time and again, and believe they are in an adoptable format. We have tentatively planned on adopting the code at the December 11, 2008 council meeting. Provided everyone can take an opportunity to review this draft document between now and then, we can adopt it, publish the ordinance, and get the code passed out to those who will be enforcing it.

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PROGRAM:

Also being passed out at this meeting is a draft of the new neighborhood revitalization program. County, City, and School District staff met multiple times regarding the changes to the program and we are all in agreement that this is a much more efficient program. I will also attach a summary of the major changes. Minor changes were made that are not included in this summary but they address the administrative side of the program and not the significant policy directives of the program. The public hearing and adoption of the new program by ordinance is scheduled for December 11, 2008.

2008 SEWER PROJECT:

Unfortunately, no pay requests were available from Bates to insert into the City Manager's report at this time. We anticipate that the coming pay request will be the last one. If they are available for the Council to consider at the November 13 meeting, we will hand carry them.

RECREATION ANNOUNCEMENT – STATE BABE RUTH TOURNAMENT:

The Osawatomie Recreation Commission and Ron Maring, Director of Parks & Recreation, would like to announce that Osawatomie has been selected as the site to host the 2009 Babe Ruth Baseball 14 Year Old State Baseball Tournament. The tournament begins on July 30, 2008. Games begin on July 31. The Recreation Commission is responsible for finding host families for 75 players. It has been 8 years since Osawatomie hosted a state baseball tournament.

2008 STREET PROJECT:

As is the case with the sewer project, there are no pay requests available at this time from the street contractor. Good progress continues to be made on the additional blocks of work and minimal finish work remains on the initial project. If a pay request is available for Council consideration, we will hand carry it to the meeting.

UPDATE TO OSAWATOMIE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

Data continues to be gathered and compiled for our comprehensive plan update. Interviews with various stakeholders as identified by the consultant have been set up and are taking place currently. At least one public meeting will need to take place and we hope to have that scheduled in the near future.

WOODLAND HILLS PAY REQUEST:

The third pay request for the infrastructure at Woodland Hills has been received. The amount of this pay request for both the onsite and offsite infrastructure work is: \$103,618.33. Work continues to be performed on the infrastructure portion of the project as well as footings and slabs. Once the utilities and slabs are complete, vertical construction is expected to begin with an anticipated (as of today) completion timeframe of around the middle of the summer. I recommend approving the pay request.

FINANCIAL POLICIES UPDATE:

At the last council meeting, Councilmen Moon and Walmann requested some minor changes in the purchasing policy. I have attached those changes. Everything else in the document remains as it was presented at the last council meeting.

PROPOSED CLOSURE OF OSAWATOMIE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY:

In the middle of October, myself, Miami County Economic Development Director Janet McRae, Paola City Manager Jay Wieland, and State Representative Bill Feuerborn met to discuss the Department of Correction's proposal to close the Osawatome Correctional Facility. A letter was then drafted and has since been sent to Governor Kathleen Sebelius and State Budget Director Duane Goossen stating our area's concerns and asking for reconsideration. A copy of the letter is available upon request.

LEVEE CERTIFICATION:

I have met with the engineering firm Wilson & Co. They have begun certifying levees for several municipalities in Kansas. They are familiar with the process FEMA requires to have a levee certified. Once I receive their proposal I will bring it forward to the council to discuss. In visiting with officials from the US Army Corps of Engineers, they have not yet seen where Congress has put monies into the 2009 FY budget for a reconnaissance study on the Osawatome Levee. We will likely need to make contact with our congressional delegation again.

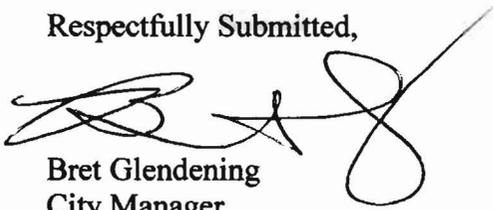
SAVINGS FROM EMP 1 PROJECT:

At the last EMP1 meeting, KMEA provided Osawatome and the other four cities calculations on what each city has saved from August 2007 to August 2008 as a result of being in the EMP1 project. They project that as a result of our electric utility participating in the program, we have saved \$355,094.13 during this time frame. Now that they have the template and the formulas set up, they will be providing us this information at least annually.

NEW CITY PROPERTY ON MAIN & BROWN STREETS:

As you are all aware, the city recently purchased land from the Union Pacific Railroad. They required a fence to be erected along the west property line to separate their property from ours, and to keep people from wandering onto their property when our land is being used. The fence materials have been received and through a competitive bid process Dean Inscore was awarded the job. The plan for the property is to landscape it similar in design to what exists in front of the Railroad Museum. On the Brown Street side, the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts have expressed an interest in operating a farmers market on the weekend. More planning is yet to be done on both of these projects and as we move forward, I will keep the council informed.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bret Glendening', with a large, stylized flourish extending upwards and to the right.

Bret Glendening
City Manager