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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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MUNICIPAL CODE UPDATE:

Having had no comments or questions regarding the adoption of our new municipal code, I would recommend the City Council adopt the new municipal code. Additionally, if everyone could return their codes to me (provided they have not been marked in) I need to hand them out to key city staff.

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PROGRAM:

Having had no comments or questions regarding the adoption of a new neighborhood revitalization plan, I would recommend the City Council adopt the new plan. Upon passage of the new NRP, I will work with the school board and county commission for their approvals.

2008 SEWER PROJECT:

The original construction scope of work on the sewer project has been completed. Our City Engineer, Brian Kingsley will be in attendance at the council meeting to discuss the project, its final costs and answer any questions you may have. The final change order (#13) is a positive \$26,243.15 which is a reconciliation of plan quantities to actual quantities. The second to last pay request is in the amount of: \$15,422.62 and the final pay request is: \$144,138.40. There is a remaining \$4,260.92 of retainage which is being withheld to keep the contract open, pending the successful outcome of negotiations with Bates for extending sewer to the Northland property. As of now, our best estimate is that there is \$295,000 in grant dollars remaining which can be spent on anything sewer related. It is my recommendation that these dollars be put into installing as much sewer infrastructure in the Northland as possible.

2008 STREET PROJECT:

As is the case with the sewer project, there are no pay requests available at this time from the street contractor. All paving is complete and all that remains is minimal cleanup work. 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 fourth 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: \$213,868.90. 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's requested changes were highlighted. Since that time, Councilman Moon has requested that the ½% be changed to 2%. I would recommend leaving the proposed changes alone. The ½% simply permits staff to purchase from someone other than the low bidder and in the event an Osawatomie business is within 5%, the local business has the opportunity to revise their bid. 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 Osawatomie 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 Osawatomie Levee. We will likely need to make contact with our congressional delegation again.

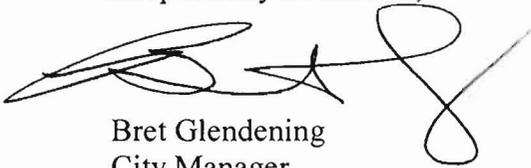
SAVINGS FROM EMP 1 PROJECT:

At the last EMP1 meeting, KMEA provided Osawatomie 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 to the right.

Bret Glendening
City Manager