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### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

September 10, 2009

#### **OSAWATOMIE COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE:**

The Complete Count Committee last on July 28, 2009 to appoint sub-committee chairs and delegate various ways to communicate to citizens in Osawatomie the importance of ensuring everyone in the community is counted in the 2010 Census. Each subcommittee will be responsible for providing information to each of their subgroups and working to make sure their surveys are returned to the Census Bureau.

#### **UPDATE TO OSAWATOMIE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:**

I have spoke with Diane Binkley of Ochsner, Hare & Hare (OHH), regarding the update to the comprehensive plan. You will remember, that we received assistance from the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) with a planning intern to gather all of the required information and do a lot of the "leg work" so we could save significant dollars on the professional review fees with OHH. No interns are available from MARC for the current year, which leaves us in a position of holding out completion of the comprehensive plan until additional resources are available to assist in the cost or contracting with OHH to complete the plan. I have received a proposal from OHH and the cost to complete the plan at this time is: \$18,607. Absent any opportunity to significantly reduce the fee, it is my recommendation to hold off on this process until we dispose of some other, more pressing issues (i.e. levee certification).

#### **UNION CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS FOR 2010:**

Negotiations with IBEW Local #304 continue. I am hopeful that I will have something new to report shortly.

#### **SCHEDULE FOR LEVEE CERTIFICATION STUDY PHASE II:**

The contract for services for Phase II of levee certification has been signed by all parties and I expect work to begin shortly and be ongoing throughout the course of the next year. Absent any major findings or developments, this will be the only communication I make regarding this process to the council for some time.

#### **UPDATE ON NORTHLAND SEWER:**

Our contract with Bates Utility has been completed. On this agenda are two pay requests. One is for the change order to make the connection to the sewer plant and bore underneath 343<sup>rd</sup> street and the other is to close out the contract and remit the remaining amount of retainage. The total amount to be paid is: \$201,840.92. Grant funds are available to cover this expense. City

crews, as soon as time permits and other projects are complete, will begin connecting these two points for the force main which will be constructed on the city's utility easement that was acquired last year from the Pretz family.

**CDBG GRANT FOR LIBRARY EXPANSION:**

Design work continues on the library expansion project. Once plans are approved and submitted, an advertisement for bids will be issued.

**UPDATE ON STIMULUS FUNDED STREET PROJECTS:**

The 8<sup>th</sup> Street mill and overlay will begin on or about, September 28<sup>th</sup>. A notice to proceed will be issued as soon as all of the documents are in place and construction is expected to take no longer than two weeks. The streetscape plans have been submitted to KDOT for approval. We continue to await an approval to bid from KDOT. Once that is received, the bids will be received for a period of 30 days, at which point they will be opened, reviewed and then a recommendation made from our city engineer to award. It is expected, barring any unforeseen delays or weather related issues that each side of the street will take approximately 4 to 5 weeks to complete. Once the major construction is complete, it is likely that the finishing touches (landscaping, benches, etc.) will be installed in the spring. Additionally, in preparation for the temporary loss of parking on Main St. during the streetscape project, we will be sealing and striping the city parking lots across the street from City Hall, as well as adjacent to the post office. Asphalt work took place on August 28<sup>th</sup> and the sealing is planned to take place on September 12.

**PACIFIC/14<sup>TH</sup>/BROWN STREET PLANS:**

Donna Crawford continues to work towards compiling our CDBG grant application. The pre-application for Rural Development has been forwarded to the agency's office in Manhattan. We hope to hear from them regarding our eligibility for this project soon.

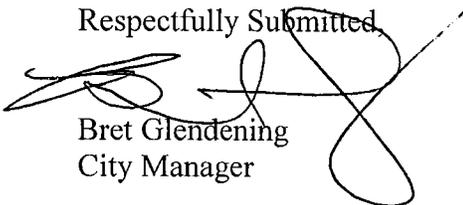
**TELEPHONE FRANCHISE CHANGES:**

I have begun the discussion of changing the telephone franchise agreement with Embarq and moving the compensation equation from 5% of gross receipts to a per line, flat dollar amount. I will look at what other cities are charging on this basis and come up with a mutually acceptable per line fee. The current telephone franchise is codified in Ordinance 3440, adopted on October 9, 1997.

**WATER MAIN ON MAIN STREET – 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> STREETS:**

Materials have been ordered and construction/replacement of the water main on Main Street from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> will begin shortly after they are delivered. This will be a fairly inconvenient project. The lowest bid on the materials was slightly over \$14,000.

Respectfully Submitted,



Bret Glendening  
City Manager

Building Permit Activity for the Month of August 2009

Category	Total Permits	Total Value	Received by City
New Residences	1	\$200,000.00	\$1,125.92
Re-roofs	9	\$46,344.60	\$270.00
Remodels	2	\$251,452.00	\$1,059.18
Accessory Buildings	1	\$25.00	\$30.00
Concrete	3	\$3,300.00	0
Mechanical	3	\$25,839.00	\$90.00
Repairs	2	\$8,000.00	0
Decks & Porches	2	\$4,100.00	\$60.00
Additions	0	0	0
Com. Buildings	1	\$30,000.00	\$354.90
Demolishing	0	0	0
Fences	2	\$4,000.00	0
Plumbing	4	\$2,035.00	\$120.00
Electrical	5	\$3,750.00	\$170.00
Ag. Buildings	1	\$6,500.00	\$30.00
Penalties	0	0	0
Plan Review	1	\$150.00	\$150.00
Totals	36	\$585,495.60	\$3,460.00

Accessory list includes detached accessory structures, storage sheds, signs and carports.

Concrete list includes driveways, sidewalks, concrete pads, porches, basements foundations & patios.

Terry E. Anderson  
Building Official