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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

September 9, 2010

PACIFIC/14TH/BROWN STREET PLANS:
On Wednesday, September 8 City staff, engineers and other utility companies will meet to discuss relocating various utilities and the timing of such relocation. Once the redesign is complete, each utility as well as USDA Rural Development will be provided with plans. Once Rural Development has approved the plans, the council will be asked to authorize initiating the bid process.

UPDATE ON OSAWATOMIE LIBRARY EXPANSION PROJECT:
Substantial completion is expected to be reached by Friday, September 3. Due to a delay in the shipping of the last exterior panels, the project is not expected to be completed until later this month. However, the Library is open, accessible and ready for use.

OSAWATOMIE STORMWATER UTILITY PROPOSAL:
On this agenda is the ordinance to place the second attempt to create a storm water utility on the November ballot. This ordinance to place the question on the ballot for public vote bypasses the protest petition procedure under the state constitutional home rule requirements and automatically places the item on the ballot. The County Clerk's office is fine with this timeline. So on September 9, the council will need to adopt the second ordinance.

TECHNICAL/FEASIBILITY REVIEW OF OSAWATOMIE SWIMMING POOL:
The last word we received from Burbach Aquatics (firm evaluating the Osawatomie Swimming Pool) is that the first step in the contract is nearly complete and upon its completion, will be reviewed and presented to the council. They anticipate approximately two weeks finishing this step and then they will begin the second step of the evaluation process. They anticipate making their second site visit during the first week of August, after which they will provide staff with a draft copy of the step one report to review.

TECHNICAL/FEASIBILITY REVIEW OF OSAWATOMIE ELECTRIC UTILITY:
All information requested by Sawvel and Associates to begin the study has been provided. Additionally, the GPS mapping of the electric system has been completed and is currently being reviewed for accuracy. As progress is made with this study, I will provide the council with updates.

SCHEDULE FOR LEVEE CERTIFICATION STUDY PHASE II:
The USDA LIDAR aerial photos have been taken and are currently being evaluated by Wilson # Co. Wilson & Co. can begin performing their interior drainage studies and identifying elevations as part of the levee certification requirements. In a nutshell, everything is being held up due to the LIDAR data not being delivered at this point in time.

RECYCLING PROGRAM UPDATE:
Larry Smith contacted me some time ago and I told him I would check with the council but believed that the recycling program would be easily acceptable provided it was going to result in no additional cost to the customer. With regard to yard waste, an alternative must be found for the disposal of yard waste. The city's KDHE permitted burn pile might be an option (we would first want to check with KDHE), but we would have to monitor dumping at the site rigorously to ensure that trash is not disposed of. A couple of hours every day during the week might be acceptable since during those times, we almost always have two employees on duty at the water plant. One could remain at the water plant while the other monitors the dumping of yard waste. I believe council authorization would be necessary for this to occur, but could be incorporated into a larger recycling program. As of now and through the end of the year however, L & K can continue to dispose of yard waste.

UPDATE ON REALIGNMENT OF WARD BOUNDARIES:
At the request of the City Council, I checked with the County Clerk's Office regarding the redrawing of ward boundaries. Currently, each ward in the city corresponds to a voting precinct in the city. They subsequently checked with the Secretary of State's office and the recommendation from both offices is to hold off on redrawing the boundaries until after the 2010 Census data is released. This should be priority number one however, once that information is received.

UPDATE TO OSAWATOMIE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:
I have spoken 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).

Respectfully Submitted,

Bret Glendening
City Manager

Building Permit Activity for the Month of August 2010

Category	Total Permits	Total Value	Revenue received by City G.F.
New Single Family Dwellings	0	0	0
Re-roofs	6	$26,140.00	$180.00
Remodels	0	0	0
Accessory Buildings	1	0	0
Concrete	2	$150.00	0
Mechanical	3	$22,757.00	$90.00
Repairs	1	$8,000.00	0
Decks & Porches	2	$8,660.00	$60.00
Additions	0	0	0
Com. Buildings	0	0	0
Demolishing	2	$200.00	$60.00
Fences	1	$300.00	0
Plumbing	8	$2,200.00	$210.00
Electrical	2	$4,000.00	$80.00
Ag. Buildings	0	0	0
Penalties	0	0	0
Plan Review	0	0	0
Zoning	0	0	0
Totals	28	$72,407.00	$680.00
Sewer Taps	0	0	0
Water Meters	0	0	0
Electric Meters	0	0	0

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