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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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CONSIDERATION OF NEW DIGGER UNIT FOR ELECTRIC CREW:

On Monday, January 3, Terry Upshaw, Steve Coffelt and I traveled to ALTEC in St. Joseph, MO to view a new digger unit. The price of this unit, sitting on the lot was approximately $165,000. However, we obtained the specifications for that vehicle and have sent bid sheets to other vendors. We also continue to research used units. One unit has been located that has been completely rebuilt, but it is currently located in Texas. As of this writing, we have not received bids yet. However, by the council meeting, we anticipate having a few options for you to consider. Our biggest issues are: 1.) the unit is needed now due to our existing unit requiring significant repair (for the second time in about 3 years); 2.) purchasing a used unit has a certain amount of risk involved – we do not want to be in this position again in five years; 3.) the cost of a new unit, while manageable is still large and would limit our ability to address needs later on in the year.

On the positive side, the existing digger unit can have the auger removed from the chassis, a dump bed installed and hookups for a snow plow installed for approximately $15,100. We currently have two 1987 dump trucks that are scheduled for replacement in 2013 and 2014. Each of these will cost approximately $80,000 to $90,000. Retooling the existing digger into a dump truck would allow us to move one of the 1987 trucks to be replaced further back into the CIP.

Of course, I will bring bids and all other options for the new digger unit to the council meeting on Thursday and Terry Upshaw will be in attendance to answer any technical questions you may have about the vehicle.

PACIFIC/14TH/BROWN STREET PROJECT:

City crews are working on relocating utilities to accommodate the new street. Additionally, we are nearly finished obtaining easements for storm water infrastructure and these will need to be accepted by the council. As was the case with the last street projects, these areas will be returned to a state at least equal to, if not better than they were found. Finally, Miami County has been authorized by the County Commission to build the box culvert for the city.

TECHNICAL/FEASIBILITY REVIEW OF OSAWATOMIE SWIMMING POOL:
With the delivery of the first step in the review process of the pool, the consultants now move to the second report and as soon as a draft of that document is available, I will provide it to the council.

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:
Representatives from Wilson & Co. and I met with FEMA in December to review progress being made on levee certification. At the subsequent council meeting, I notified the council that as of today, the schedule is as follows:

1.) Preliminary map without levees will be released in Mid July of 2011. After the release, it will be available for review and comment by the public.
2.) The review period will last 18 months, before the new maps without the levee will become final.
3.) The City of Osawatomie's certification information is due to FEMA no later than 4 months prior to the new maps being finalized. This means we need to have information on any corrections that need to be made in order to achieve certification even sooner than that so we can have adequate time to make any repairs to ensure that we can meet the certification requirements.

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