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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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PACIFIC/14TH/BROWN STREET PROJECT:

The tentative start "timeframe" of late April to early May has been pushed back to mid to late-May for the street project. Additionally, included on this agenda is a need for the council to formally accept storm water easements by a simple motion so they can be filed with the Miami County Register of Deeds and then submitted to USDA-Rural Development.

SCHEDULE FOR LEVEE CERTIFICATION STUDY PHASE II:

In the weeks since our past meeting with Wilson & Co. and FEMA, Wilson & Co. along with the City of Osawatomie and the cities of Augusta, Dodge City, Gypsum, Hutchinson, Manhattan, Marion, Ottawa, Salina and Wichita have been in fairly constant contact working towards a proposal to allow for an extension of the Provisionally Accredited Levee agreement that each city signed approximately 2 or 3 years ago. We have since heard back from our Congressional delegation as well as FEMA. It appears that an extension is in the works that could be anywhere from 6 months to 3 years to complete levee certification. Our Phase II report was due in March. However, as a result of these continued conference calls and working with our Senators and Representatives to Washington, D.C., this report is behind schedule. As you can see below, the certification process is now very much in a state of "flux". The certification requirement has not gone away, but is merely slowed down which benefits the City of Osawatomie at this point in time only because it allows us more time to fund through the "pay as you go" method to meet the requirement. As of the March 2011 billing from Wilson & Co., the City of Osawatomie has paid approximately \$160,000 towards certification and will incur an additional \$129,000 in billings – likely this year.

As of May 5, 2011, this is where FEMA is at with regard to levee certification (NOTE: This is taken directly from an email I received from Joe File with AMEC who is partnered with Wilson & Co. for support in the certification of the Osawatomie Levee System: ***"Note that FEMA specifically states that they will not be repealing the certification requirement, but just temporarily suspending the need for insurance behind non-accredited levees until they develop their criteria for dry side levee mapping. I'll pass along more information as I become aware of it, but my first impression is that their just officially delaying the process (which was already unofficially delayed) until their new criteria is developed on how to move forward with deaccredited levee mapping. Stephen Noe and I will be in Washington DC next week on another matter, but if we're able to learn anything on this issue we'll pass it along."***

FOR PHASE II OF LIBRARY EXPANSION CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS:

Elizabeth Trigg, the Library Director and I met with Marsha Hoffman of SFS Architecture to discuss the design contract for Phase II of the library expansion project. Our new contract (included with this council packet) reflects a flat dollar fee of \$35,000 for design and construction administration services which corresponds to 7% of the total project cost. The original proposal was for a 12% of cost contract. Donated funds are available to fund the contract.

TECHNICAL/FEASIBILITY REVIEW OF OSAWATOMIE SWIMMING POOL:

The conceptual designs are nearing completion for the pool project. Burbach Aquatics, Inc. is scheduled to present those designs to the city council at the May 26, 2011 work session.

TECHNICAL/FEASIBILITY REVIEW OF OSAWATOMIE ELECTRIC UTILITY:

An initial draft of the electric utility generation/distribution report has been delivered, Terry Upshaw, Line Foreman, Marty Springer Chief Power Plant Operator and myself met with two individuals from Sawvel and Associates to discuss the report. The report is now being finalized and upon its completion, I will provide copies of the report to the city council and schedule a time for the report to be presented.

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.

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

