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TO: City Council
FROM: Sam Anselm, City Manager
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RE: Weekly Update

Good afternoon, everyone. Please see below for this week's update.

Key Meetings

- On Wednesday, Councilman Stanley, several city staff members and I met with students from North and South middle schools to discuss curbside recycling and ways they can help us bring more awareness to our recycling efforts. The students have been invited to make a presentation to the city council sometime in April to share the results of their project.
- During my recent MCMA conference I spoke with several administrators and managers about the process they used to facilitate a strategic planning meeting/retreat. You will recall this item was approved in our current budget to be held after the new council is seated. After talking to a few colleagues, I would like to invite one or two of you to work with staff and be involved in the process of selecting the facilitator and coordinating the event. If you are interested in volunteering, please let me know. We are in the process of preparing an RFP to solicit this service.

Miscellaneous Updates

- Director Pekarek shared an update relative to our PDMP program. Some stats worth sharing with you that he learned:
 - We have about 20 pharmacists and 3 physicians enrolled in the Joplin/Jasper County area so far
 - 57 jurisdictions around the state have passed local ordinances
 - 79% of the state's population is now covered under the program
 - 92% of healthcare providers are involved
 - Of local importance given our location in the state, officials are working on an agreement that would allow information to be shared across state lines to minimize the "doctor shopping" that sometimes takes place in incidents of opioid abuse.
- Staff has reached a point in our Use Tax discussions where we need direction from you. In keeping with tradition, historically staff has provided a list of citizens to council, who then named a citizens committee based on that list and others suggested by council members, to discuss potential ballot issues and look for a recommendation that those issues be placed before the voters. I have asked staff to prepare a list of individuals who

served on the most recent committee to continue the titled equipment tax, as well as a list of members who served on Vision Joplin 2022, the finance committee, and others, that we can share with you to start the discussion. In terms of a timeline, if August of this year is the target date to have the election, then council would have to approve the ballot language in May, which means that we need to have the committee named in February so we can start meetings in March. Once the list of potential committee members is ready I will share that with you, but I would like to discuss this item either at our council meeting on February 5th, or during our work session on February 12th.

- Finally, in looking at our worker's comp claims for 2017 compared to 2016, the frequency of claims is up (84 in 2017 vs. 52 in 2016), but the severity is down year over year (\$222,089 in 2017 vs. \$267,381 in 2016), so the news is somewhat mixed. Strains appear to be the most common cause of work-related injury, so our risk management staff will be working with departments over the next year to identify ways to reduce these types of injuries.