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

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

#### Key Meetings

- On Tuesday, Director Bolander, Director Haase and I met with representatives from the state's Missouri Development Finance Board and with the Downtown Joplin Alliance to discuss DJA's recent acceptance of their application to participate in the tax credit program offered by MDFB to help with the renovations to the Empire Market building. You may recall that the city must act as the recipient of the tax credits, and during our discussion at a recent council meeting authorizing the resolution, council asked us to determine the workload that would be required to administer the program. I am pleased to report that the city's requirements will be minimal, related to reviewing invoices to ensure that the work is being done and invoiced properly. Staff feels that minimal effort will be required to administer the program, so there is no need to charge DJA for our services. We are working on the details of the agreement that we plan to present at a future council meeting, but in the meantime, if you have any questions, please let me know.

#### Miscellaneous Updates

- The parks department's new online program registration software is now live and accessible by visiting the following website: <https://secure.recl.com/MO/joplin-missouri/catalog>. Staff did an outstanding job working with CivicPlus over the past several months to bring an easier-to-use, more customer friendly portal for our residents to access our parks programs and facility information. A special kudos to our business development manager, Carla Bond, for her efforts in getting the site up and running.
- Public works staff met this week with representatives from Republic Services, our trash/recycling provider. Per terms of the contract, entering year three of the agreement the contractor has the option of raising rates by 2%, and they have indicated their intent to do so. We are working with them on keeping the curbside recycling amount the same, and hope to share the results of those conversations with you soon. But in essence, the increase will result in a \$.22 increase per month for trash service only.
- As requested by Councilman Stanley at our most recent meeting, I am working on a report updating you on the status of the recommendations made by the Vision '22 committee. That information should be ready for you next week. I also wanted to make

you aware that the police, fire, and parks departments are also working on an annual report summarizing 2017 activities that we will share with you as soon as they are available.