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

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Good afternoon, everyone. Please continue reading below for the events and happenings this week, and as usual, if you have any questions let me know.

### **Key Meetings**

- On Monday I attended the retirement ceremony for Sgt. Chad Allison. He provided 20 years of service to our community, most recently serving as head of the Jasper County Drug Task Force. He will continue serving our area in the same capacity, but just wearing a different badge for another law enforcement agency.
- On Tuesday, department heads and I discussed the draft surplus property and equipment policy. After receiving their input, I'll be making a few adjustments, but I would like to bring the policy to you for consideration during one of our May meetings. As I stated last week, this is one of several changes that need to be made to our policies and procedures to allow for more efficient delivery of services and organizational improvements. So you can expect more in the future, but I'll do my best to give you a heads up as they happen.
- Yesterday, staff and I held a meeting with the taxing jurisdictions to discuss the proposed South Main TIF. The developer gave an overview of the project and answered questions prior to the formal TIF Commission meeting scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup>. At that meeting staff will also give an update on the other TIF projects in the city. You can expect the same annual report during our regular meeting in May.
- Of course, last night was also the work session for our regular economic update with Rob O'Brian. I've had a few media calls asking questions about the meeting, and I have an interview with KOAM scheduled for this afternoon as well. While no formal direction was given last night, staff will be reviewing the contract language for changes prior to the start of the next fiscal year. I will keep you in the loop as that conversation progresses. We have been and will be reviewing agreements between other cities and their chambers to compare to ours. Ultimately it will be the council's decision to approve both the contract and the dollar amount they receive for economic development, but I appreciate the questions that were asked and the open conversation that took place last night.
- Earlier this afternoon I attended the Eggs & Issues meeting with our Jefferson City contingent of elected officials. The group received an update on several bills, we

discussed the confirmation of former Chief Lane Roberts as the new Director of Public Safety, the proposed MoDOT gas tax, etc.

### **Miscellaneous**

- To follow up on the email I sent to you on Monday, our city attorney's office has prepared a lease for Crosslines to possibly use Memorial Hall as a temporary location until their new building is finished. According to staff, Crosslines is still considering other locations, but we stand ready to make the space available if necessary. Should that be the case, we will have the agreement to you for consideration in May.
- In addition to the resignation of our parks director, I was also notified this week that Grant Purkey, our athletics manager, and Dave Hunt, one of our civil engineers, will also be leaving the city to pursue new careers. Grant will be the new parks director in Peculiar, Missouri, and Dave will be working for Emery Sapp & Sons. Please join me in congratulating them on their moves and thanking them for their service.
- Yesterday in Jeff City the House committee held a hearing on the budget, and there were no questions pertaining to the Rebuild Damaged Infrastructure Program reallocation. You may recall that we have until June 30, 2015 to spend the \$14 million in RDIP funds from the state, and while we're fairly confident that most of the work will be completed by that time, there may be some lingering milling and overlay work that needs to be completed beyond that date. The bill still needs to pass the house and move over to the senate, but staff is cautiously optimistic that we will have some wiggle room if we cannot hit the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. Director Heatherly is monitoring this item closely.

### **In the Pipeline**

- Today we published the RFP for priority-based budgeting services. Proposals are due back to my office on June 1<sup>st</sup> to be reviewed. As a result, I am suspending the search for the assistant city manager position because currently this project is unbudgeted, but after we go through the bid process and with your approval, I would like to use some of the dollars saved by not filling the assistant city manager position for this purpose. In evaluating the best use of the limited dollars available, I feel this is the best course of action at this time.

Thank you for your time this week, and I look forward to seeing you Monday night.

Have a great weekend.