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

Good evening, everyone. This week's update focuses less on meetings involved and more on some information for you. I would like to thank everyone who served/visited the employee Christmas luncheon earlier today; we as a staff certainly appreciate your efforts and an opportunity to visit from time to time. This is a fairly short report, as I limited the number of meetings I attended due to the flu.

Key Meetings

- This afternoon we with State Reps. White, Davis and Flanigan, as well as Senator Richard to discuss Joplin and any needs we may have for them to consider as they head into their next legislative session. We talked about a number of issues, including economic development, records retention and storage, pending sewer I&I issues with EPA and Missouri DNR, among others. The group decided it would be valuable to try to meet quarterly and include representatives from the Chamber of Commerce as well as our federal legislative representatives. Gary Burton will make arrangements for future meetings and I'll pass the dates/times along when I get them.

Miscellaneous

- It is with mixed emotions that I'm announcing the retirement of Assistant Chief of Police Brian Lewis. After 20 years of service, he will be going to work for the Jasper County prosecutor's office. Captain Matt Stewart will be promoted to Assistant Chief effective January 3rd.
- Every now and then I get a question about the status of the trail at Missouri Southern. We have been working with FEMA for the past several months on the project, but it has been determined that we will need to seek a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) and Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) from FEMA if we hope to proceed with the project. That would add about \$20,000 to the project and about six additional months. Due to the impact that the construction of the bridge would have on flood elevation levels, these actions would be necessary to proceed. It's entirely possible that FEMA would not approve the CLOMR/LOMR, but we are looking for ways to advance the project with minimal additional cost to the city or the university.
- Director Haase has completed her memo to me outlining some funding options for Memorial Hall; I am reviewing that information and doing a bit more research before we present the information to you, but outside of an all-new funding source, i.e. new tax, it appears our options are limited in terms of public funding for the project.

- PW staff is preparing temporary signage to inform motorists of the 35MPH speed limit on 26th Street, in response to complaints from residents that vehicles were speeding on the newly-completed road. We will be conducting speed studies on 26th and Schifferdecker to determine if the speed limits need to be changed.
- On a related note, we will be making and installing “School Ahead” signs for placement on Central City near the new church and school.

In the Pipeline

- Next week staff and I will be meeting with representatives from the Hope Valley TIF/CID group and the Main Street TIF group to continue our due diligence on these projects before we bring them to you for consideration.
- Please mark your calendars for a ground-breaking ceremony for the training tower, to be held at the Public Safety Training Center on January 5th. We’re trying to coordinate the time now, and I should have that information for you next week.

Finally, I’ll be taking some time off after Christmas, particularly between December 29th and January 2nd. Dan Pekarek will be available in town, but as usual, I will be available by cell, email or text should anything come up.

Have a great weekend.