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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 Tuesday, city staff and I met with Andrew Dunn, owner, director and commissioner of the Pecos League, to give him a tour of Joe Becker Stadium, as we explore options for the use of the facility next season and beyond.
- After that meeting, I arranged for a visit between Mr. Dunn and various sponsors/suite holders to give everyone an opportunity to learn more about the league and address concerns on all sides about bringing another team to Joplin.
- On Thursday, I visited with Mark Rains, general manager of the Joplin Outlaws of the MINK League, about their possible use of Joe Becker next season.
- Later that afternoon, I attended the monthly steering team meeting for the One Joplin initiative. One of the teams is working on a community survey, with the stated purpose of defining, measuring and improving the wellbeing of our residents. The survey is based on a similar effort in Santa Monica, California. No timeline was set for the roll-out of the survey, but once the team has received feedback, they will work on pushing it out to the public.

Miscellaneous

- For the latest update from public works on projects taking place around the city, please [follow this link](#).
 - On a related note, work on the Taxiway C & F projects at the Joplin Regional Airport will begin next Spring. Due to the need for the temporary closure of runways and the onset of the fall/winter season, staff and the FAA felt it was beneficial to delay the start of the project until next year.
- On the heels of both meetings this week with representatives from the Pecos and MINK Leagues, I will be preparing options and information for you to consider as we figure out how to best utilize the facility next year. I have asked the commissioner of the Pecos League to submit a proposal for their use of the stadium. As the Outlaws already play at Wendell Redden field on the campus of our athletic complex, we have a bit more flexibility in the timeline as we consider options from them. We are also exploring the potential of more JSA tournaments at the site, and what other uses there may be for the stadium.

- In news from our finance department regarding the project worksheets related to the 2011 tornado, the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency has completed their review of the reimbursements and they have submitted everything to FEMA, with the exception of the “donated resources” project, which finance staff is working on now.
- Related to our other declared disaster, the December 2015 flood, we have identified five projects for reimbursement, the largest one being the repairs for McIndoe Park and the Audubon Center (in the amount of approximately \$100,000). We have already submitted and received payment from FEMA for two of the projects, and the remaining three will be signed and sent to them by the end of next week.
- In response to Monday night’s work session, I have reached out to representatives from Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, to get a better idea about their online building permit system, and the associated costs and benefits of moving to such a system. I will work with our IT department to get a quote from our current business software provider, before we decide if and how to move forward.

In the Pipeline

- Next Tuesday at 6:00 p.m., representatives from the Joplin Police Department and several other area law enforcement agencies (LEA’s) will be attending a town hall meeting sponsored by the Joplin chapter of the NAACP, for a conversation about the relationship between these LEA’s and the public. The meeting will be held at the Joplin Boys & Girls Club at 317 Comingo Avenue.

If you have any questions about these items, please let me know. There are several items on Monday night’s agenda, and I will follow up with you Monday afternoon to see if you have any questions related to the meeting. Otherwise, please enjoy your weekend.

As always, thank you for your time and service.