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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.

- The most recent update from public works is available by [following this link](#).
- In parks & recreation news, courtesy of Director Paul Bloomberg:
 - The shell of the storage building at the corner of First and Schifferdecker is complete. Staff is getting ready to work on the stone façade for added curb appeal, and fencing is out to bid to attach the new building with the existing Park Maintenance Building. The next step will be soliciting bids for electrical, with landscaping as the last item before the project is complete.
 - The overlay project for basketball and tennis courts was included with the annual streets overlay bid, which has resulted in some savings on the project below our original estimate. There is a bid out for new fencing around the north and south basketball courts in Schifferdecker Park and staff will be redoing the court configuration on the south courts to allow room for three courts instead of two, with one of the courts having 9-foot rims for younger person play. The north court will be turned into an inline hockey and futsal court; the inline court will be the first inline hockey court in our parks system.
 - Bids for the installation of playgrounds at Ewert, Parr Hill and Humphrey parks have been awarded.
 - Staff has started taking down the fence at Fairview Cemetery (this is the fence located on 13th Street side of the cemetery). The fence has become a maintenance issue as well as a safety concern as it is rusting away and the erosion is causing it to fall down. Staff will be repurposing some of the fence over at Forest Park Cemetery, replacing the old Rangeline entrance that currently has cattle gates. The Museum has asked to replace some parts of their fence that are broken and/or missing, and the remaining fence will go into the City Auction.
 - The Golf Simulator bid has been awarded, and staff has started remodeling the clubhouse to get ready for the installation, which should be the end of February.
 - After evaluating last year's pool season, we have set the schedule for this year:
 - All aquatic centers will open on May 27th
 - Ewert's last day of operation will be Sunday, August 6th
 - Schifferdecker will stay open until August 13th
 - Cunningham will only be open on weekends after August 6th, and will close for the season on Monday, September 4th

As you may recall, we had difficulty finding enough lifeguards to safely operate the aquatic park at Schifferdecker (it takes 22 lifeguards to safely protect all park areas) towards the end of last season, due to high school and college sports activities starting up, so we hope that keeping Cunningham open (which only requires eight lifeguards) until Labor Day will allow us to continue to offer swimming for our community.

- Upcoming events at Memorial Hall:
 - February 3-4: Joplin Police Department Training
 - February 17-18: Joplin Parks and Recreation Daddy Daughter Date Night
 - February 17: Joplin Sports Authority Cheerleading Competition
 - February 24-25: LJ Jenkins Bull Riding Event
- In finance news, the transaction for the advance refunding of the COPs for City Hall was completed on Wednesday, and annual auditors continue their work as well.

If you have any questions about these items, please let me know. As a reminder, we will have a police promotions ceremony at 5:40 p.m. on Monday prior to the start of the council meeting.