



City of Lansing  
800 First Terrace  
Lansing, Kansas 66043

## City Administrator's Report

July 1, 2021

### **Agenda Items:**

Public Works Director Mike Spickelmeier will present the findings of the K7/Gilman intersection study. This study was authorized by the City Council in January of 2020 but was delayed somewhat based on reduced traffic counts during the pandemic. The report from Wilson & Company is included in council materials.

A preliminary plat in the Richardson neighborhood in Northeast Lansing was reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission 4-0 at their June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. This property is generally in the vicinity of Beth Street/Carol Street and North 7<sup>th</sup> Street. This item is informational as preliminary plats do not require Council approval. Community & Economic Development Director Matt Schmitz will be on hand to answer any questions about the preliminary plat or about the builder's future plans for the property.

After forty years of stellar and dedicated service, Street Superintendent Jeff Focht is retiring on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are incredibly thankful for Jeff's service to Lansing and keeping our infrastructure top-notch for all these years. We are also pleased to announce the promotion of Kenny Payne as the City's new Street Superintendent, effective early August. Kenny has been with the City since 1995 and we know he will continue the tradition of exemplary service. Be sure to congratulate Jeff on his retirement and Kenny on his promotion if you see them around!

### **ARP Funds:**

Lansing's final American Rescue Plan allocation totals \$1,812,742. Funds to the City will come in two batches, with the first half coming very soon, and the second coming approximately next summer. Entities have until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 to spend the funds. Based on previous discussion with the City Council and amongst the CARES/ARP Committee, we are evaluating ideas to improve broadband internet speed and reliability. Additionally, we are internally evaluating and discussing wastewater projects that can help spark growth in Lansing and improve our sewer capacity. Although internet and sewer projects are eligible, street projects are not an eligible use of funds.

### **Community & Economic Development:**

Harbor Freight broke ground in May and site work is underway. They have installed much of the storm sewer items and are working on the building footings.

### **Public Works:**

Every's portion of utility relocation along K7/Eisenhower is going well and near completion. Other utilities are not quite as far along yet. The land acquisition consultant has spoken to all



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property owners and easement/row acquisitions have been marked. We are anticipating a bid date this summer, with completion currently slated for mid-2022. Since this is a project where space is at a premium, KDOT gave approval to a slight lane shift along with lane narrowing from 12' to 11'. Recent construction estimates have the project coming in around \$1.5Million. Our KDOT grant will cover 80% of the construction, with Lansing covering the remaining 2/3 and Leavenworth covering the final 1/3.

We expect asphalt milling around town to begin around July 19<sup>th</sup>, with the overlay to take place later in July. Please be sure to allocate extra time traveling if you are near an impacted area. Areas included in our mill and overlay this year include:

- The northern portion of First Terrace
- Maple Lane
- N 8<sup>th</sup> St
- Nina St
- S 1<sup>st</sup> St
- S Valley Drive
- S 139<sup>th</sup> St
- W Olive St
- W McIntyre Road
- Bittersweet Lane
- S Bittersweet Court
- Pine Ridge Court
- Sage St
- The far north section of Hickory Trail
- The southern portion of Pebble Beach Drive
- 140<sup>th</sup> St
- Kane Drive

The gravel roadway within city limits along New Lawrence Drive was paved as part of the County's Eisenhower Road project, with the City reimbursing the contractor. While on site, the contractor also replaced a damaged drainage pipe so the City will not need to tear up a new road in two years to replace the pipe.

**Sales Tax Update:**

	<b>2020 YTD</b>	<b>2021 YTD</b>	<b>Difference</b>
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<b>Local Sales &amp; Use Tax (1.45%)</b>	\$741,262	\$881,111	\$139,849 (18.87%)
<b>County Sales Tax</b>	\$447,272	\$483,682	\$36,410 (8.14%)
<b>County Use Tax</b>	\$113,594	\$139,991	\$26,397 (23.24%)
<b>Guest Tax</b>	\$49,379	\$110,925	\$61,545 (124.64%)

The .45% sales tax has generated \$273,144 thus far in 2021, on pace for \$546,288 by the end of the year. DeSoto Road debt this year is slated for \$386,275. The remaining funds will be used to fund the Parks & Recreation Phase One design this year.

**Wastewater:**

The McIntyre Wastewater Extension Study was approved by the City Council on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Leavenworth County has agreed to partner with the City to design this crucial line for future growth. The City, County, and GBA are all reviewing the design contract. We expect the total design of this project to be just under \$500,000, with Leavenworth County voting on May 5<sup>th</sup> to allocate over \$240,000 to this project in matching funds for this design. By having design complete in 2022, we are making the McIntyre corridor more developable and saving future developers and prospects time since the project will be shovel ready. We anticipate the contract with GBA, and a discussion on the partnership with Leavenworth County, at our July 15<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

The belt press repair crew began work last week and solid progress is being made. We are hopeful the repair job can be complete by July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Design on the Town Centre Trunk Sewer Replacement project was approved at the May 20<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. A kickoff meeting is schedule for later this month.

**Meetings & Announcements:**

The City is currently accepting applications for the position of Building Inspector I/II. We have volunteer openings for Tree Board and PRAB.

Citizens Academy is slated to kick off in September. If you know of anyone who wants to register and learn more about the City, please encourage them to contact us!

We expect to receive census data in late August or early September.

We will be resuming the Coffee with the City Administrator event on Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 8am at City Hall. Please be sure to invite residents who have any questions about projects or want to learn more about what is new in Lansing.

- Thursday, July 1<sup>st</sup> City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall



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- Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> Independence Days Celebration, Bernard Park
- Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Holiday Observed, City Offices Closed
- Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> Planning Commission Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Thursday, July 29<sup>th</sup> City Council Work Session, 7:00pm, City Hall
- Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting, 7:00pm, City Hall

Sincerely,

Tim Vandall