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To: Honorable Mayor and City Council  
From: Brian W. Silcott, City Administrator  
Cc: Department Directors & Staff  
Re: City Administrator Report for the week of June 8, 2020  
Date: June 9, 2020

Below is a brief update on City operations, projects, and future agenda items for the City. The next City Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 15, 2020. City Administrator reports can be found online on the City webpage for City Administration reports from 2008 to present. ([CLICK HERE](#))

Pool Operations: The swimming pool opened to a capacity crowd. The pool capacity is 150 people, which was met the first half of the afternoon. KSN News was on location to report on local pool openings. You can view the article on the KSN website. ([CLICK HERE](#))

North Park Update: Staff continues to prepare for the development of the North Park. Task items include the following: Property Platting, Defining the short-term Capital Budget and long-term Capital Plan, Demolition & Removal of Buildings, Plan Improvements, Building the Plan. The platting process is underway with the City Engineer as the staff lead on this item. The 2020-2025 CIP contains \$343,250 in the 2022 fiscal year. Should the City Council decide not to accept a forthcoming purchase offer and with the current CIP calendar, staff anticipates North Park planning to begin 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2021. The calendar can be amended but would require foregoing/delaying a planned project or the issuance of debt that would be financed with either an increase in property taxes or the reduction of projects through a dedication of local sales tax. The plat should be completed in time for the July 20<sup>th</sup> or August 17<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

Pollinator Program: Public works has implemented selective pollination areas on public grounds. This effort has been undertaken to combat the widespread loss of pollinating insect habitat. The City of Goddard has implemented low-key a pollinator restoration program. This program is aimed at facilitating a more natural environment across portions of city-maintained land. Wichita State Biology Department and the Great Plains Nature Center was consulted to scientifically determine the most efficient native, or near native plants/endemic plants to bolster pollinating insect populations. Two areas have been seeded with potentially more areas to be seeded in the autumn. The largest area is the native grass at the northwest corner of 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. A future staff report will be present signage to highlight these areas.

Main Street Lot: As previously mentioned staff has been in contact with representatives of a local business to discuss the purchase of the vacant lot in the 100 block of North Main. Once an offer is received, it will be presented to the City Council for consideration.

Second Street Improvement: You may be hearing that the City is not grading second street. This is only partially true. Unfortunately, the road base of this street and that of most of the other unpaved roads in Goddard, is located below the curb/shoulder line of the road. This means the road is below the surface grade of the surrounding land and generally acts as a repository and funnels debris through the roadway, rather, than to the curb for drainage. This exacerbates the degradation of the already poor surface condition. Staff continues to provide temporary repairs and infill of rock, which is almost entirely ineffective within 48 to 72 hours. As has been described to the Governing Body in the 2019 annual report and the 2020 Q2 Public Works report, a more permanent, cost effective, solution will be presented in July as part of the City's 2020 roadway maintenance program. Staff will seek City Council authorization to proceed with a rebuild of the roadway base along the entirety of the unpaved section of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. We hope to be able to apply the same solution to other unpaved roadways as well.

June 15<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting Agenda: The tentative agenda for the upcoming City Council meeting is listed below:

- Rustic Creek Development Agreement
- Rustic Creek Petitions
- Prairie Travelers Request to Place Memorial Bench in Linear Park
- 2021-22 Operating Budget: Non-Property Tax Funds

2020 Budget Process: The 2021 budget season is upon us! Finance Director Matt Lawn & I are working on a "status quo" budget that maintains the same property tax neutral mill levy of 33.323. This means staff will be present a budget that maintains the same property tax mill levy as the 2020 fiscal year. The City of Goddard has the lowest property tax level of any City in Sedgwick County except the City of Viola which lacks any fulltime staff members of a municipal paved road. The 2020 Assessed Valuation notice is received around or by July 1, 2020. The budget calendar is below:

- June 15<sup>th</sup> Non-Property Tax Funds & Utility Fund Follow-Up
- July 6<sup>th</sup> General Fund & Set Public Hearing
- July 15<sup>th</sup> Conduct Budget Hearing & Adopt 2021 Operating Budget

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brian W. Silcott,



City Administrator