MEMO

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Mark Gaugh, City Manager

Date: January 21, 2014

Re: Manager's Report

Street Projects for Next Construction Season- Our next project for street improvements paid for from the Transportation Tax is the area around Sixth St. and Lathrop. The field survey crews were here two weeks ago. The engineers will be working on the design over the next couple of months. We have asked them to do a price comparison for asphalt versus concrete on the project, as well. We currently have approximately $800,000 in the fund. However, out of that balance will be due the annual debt service for Eighth St., along with our cost participation for the two grants for sidewalks on Walnut St. and the Highway 36 pedestrian overpass. That will leave around $600,000, and we will receive some additional revenue in the fund by the time construction season begins. This money does NOT include the funds in the public works budget for street maintenance, only what the sales tax has generated. We will complete as much of the project this spring/summer as funds allow. Once we receive the engineer's estimate for construction cost, we will be able to determine how much of the project can be completed this season.

Chimes Bids Update – We are working on obtaining a price quotation for the system, since we received no bids from the first advertisement/notification.

Snow Removal – The recent snow removal effort went very well. However, we are experiencing some aging equipment, and we will need to evaluate what equipment to replace in the next fiscal year budget.

Highway 36 Alliance Visitors Guide – In the next couple of months, the Highway 36 Alliance Visitors Guide will be published. It has a circulation of approximately 125,000, so it is a good opportunity for Cameron to publish information that will enhance tourism for the Cameron area.

AMR Update – A meeting is scheduled with Ameresco for Friday, January 17th to go over the water and electric meter testing results and project feasibility.