MEMO

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Mark Gaugh, City Manager

Date: May 5, 2014

Re: Manager's Report

Dangerous Structures Guidelines – We have sent out letters to property owners of potential dangerous structures. We have already received interest from a few owners.

Workers' Compensation – I received notice recently that our insurance pool cost for Workers' Compensation coverage is increasing 17%. However, Cameron's loss experience history has been low, so we will see a decrease in cost for the upcoming year, over what we paid last year. Based on last year, we would pay $81,982.86, plus the pool increase of $16,070.42, for a total of **$98,053.28**. Instead, we will pay **$56,056.76**.

Telecom Litigation Update – The City is currently involved in two court cases to protect our rights-of-way; one is a State case, and one is a Federal case. The State case is City of Aurora (which includes Cameron as one of several plaintiffs) v. Spectra (CenturyLink). The Circuit Court of St. Louis County recently ruled that "Cameron's ROW Code is valid and enforceable. The Court awarded unpaid user fees of $138,914.04 be paid to the City, as well as attorney fees. It also awarded $7,754.30 in underpaid taxes by Spectra. However, this judgment is on hold, pending appeal by Spectra to the Appellate Court.

Transportation Sales Tax Projects – This project has not changed much, since last report. Design work is about 50% complete for the project involving Lathrop St. and adjacent streets not completed a few years ago. Since we are going from open ditch streets to a curb and gutter system, a few streets in the area will all need to be tied in so the storm water will be managed properly. The structural condition of most of these streets is poor, as well. In addition, the design work has started for the pedestrian access crossing Highway 36 and sidewalk extension on Walnut St. TranSystems is working with MoDOT on the specific type of design that will be acceptable and affordable for the highway crossing. Once we know the costs of these projects, we will be able to determine how much can be done this construction season.