MEMO

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Mark Gaugh, City Manager

Date: June 30, 2014

Re: Manager's Report

Phone Conference – On the 17th, I received a call from the Governor's office, regarding a phone conference for legislation that was passed on the last day of the legislative session. The phone conference was scheduled for the following day and included many cities. There were no public hearings, and the bills (approximately a dozen) passed were targeted at making specific sales tax exemptions for certain businesses. The impact of the bills on cities would be huge. Fortunately, the Governor vetoed all the bills. There is a threat of an override, but that vote won't happen until September. I think the push-back from the public will be huge, coming from all cities, police and fire agencies and the legislators will be in home districts and will be hearing from all groups. In addition, many of the legislators were not informed of the impacts, since there were no public hearings. So, my guess is that an override won't happen. To help ensure this, we will prepare letters and the usual correspondence to the appropriate legislators.

Budget Preparation – I met with the departments on the 17th and 18th, and we are putting the final touches on the budget draft. The capital projects and financing will require a lot of staff time to complete. Right now, I think we will still be on schedule, however.

Fiddick Chimes Memorial – In addition to the Proclamation, we are presenting to the Fiddicks, a framed memorial, which was developed by the Fiddick family. They would like it displayed in a prominent location, and we discussed putting it in the lobby of City Hall. All are welcome to attend. Right now, the date is Thursday, July 3, at 4:00 p.m.

Fees – We are reviewing many of the various fees that we charge for services to make sure we are reasonable, but receive the appropriate amount of revenue for the service provided. Some of the fees/charges are correct, but there are few that still need to be reviewed for updating. We will also compare to other cities in our classification where we can. Most of these will be subject to ordinance and/or Council approval prior to implementation.

Water Treatment Plant Generator – In this fiscal year's budget, we included the purchase of the generator. The cost may come in a little higher than what we budgeted, but we will not need to include the generator in the AMI capital, which is good news.