MEMO

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Mark Gaugh, City Manager

Date: November 17, 2014

Re: Manager's Report

Wastewater Plant Improvements – HDR has completed its 30% drawings phase for the improvements to the plant, and is not as far along with the collection system improvements. However, since the collection system will take less time, HDR expects the project to remain on schedule.

Northwest Wholesale Water Commission (GNWWC) – The next meeting is scheduled for November 13, at the usual time of 2:00 p.m. I will provide any significant updates that might occur.

Collaborative Meeting – November 18th, at 5:00 p.m. is the date and time for the meeting. We anticipate continuing the Council meeting to that date so the discussion can take place.

Water Treatment Plant Generator - Thompson Electric has begun the process for the generator work at the water treatment plant. We expect the project to be complete within about four months.

Building Energy Improvements – Ameresco is starting the energy improvements phase, and by the time of this report, should have already been working on the lighting replacements.

Use Tax – We will need to decide whether to pursue a ballot measure to recover out-of-state local sales taxes on various purchases, such as vehicles. A previous Missouri Supreme Court ruling decided that the State cannot tax these types of sales. With other tax legislation that was passed, this issue is continuing to grow in complexity. It is unclear if we can even collect the tax if a Use Tax ordinance is passed. The estimate for Cameron is that the tax due to out-of-state vehicle purchases amounts to about $24,600 per year. I will try to stay up on this issue, and we will need to make a decision at some point in the near future. This issue has been difficult to communicate to voters in other municipalities and a high failure rate of passage has resulted.