MEMO

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Mark Gaugh, City Manager

Date: December 1, 2014

Re: Manager's Report

Wastewater Plant Improvements – We are reviewing the 30% drawings for the improvements to the treatment plant.

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 has started working on the energy savings portion of the contract, and has replaced lights, ballasts, and installed occupancy sensors at city hall, public works, wastewater plant and other buildings.

Use Tax – We are expecting that a legislative "fix" will occur to correct the lost taxes for out-of-state purchases. In addition, with internet purchases on the rise, the negative impact to sales taxes may increase. Hopefully, the Legislature can help to recover the lost revenue.

Walnut St. Sidewalks – TranSystems is nearing the final stages of design for the sidewalk project on Walnut. We made adjustments to the project to reduce the number of instances where we will need an easement to work on private property. Currently, there is only one place where it will be unavoidable. I have also asked them to keep the need to relocate the street lights to a minimum. This will help keep overall project costs down. This project is only the sidewalk extension from the S. side of Grant to the overpass. The highway crossing is the second phase, and will follow shortly after the first phase.

Grants – The trails grant application for the completion of #2 Reservoir is due January 16, 2015. Drew is working on getting the environmental permits approved prior to submission. The Sidewalks Project under the TAP grant has been submitted. We can only use it for sidewalks on major streets, so we are submitting for Harris St. running from Third to High St. The City's match will be about $65,000. We will have approximately two years to complete the project. The TEAP grant for sign inventory and training will amount to $4,840 with a match of about $1,200 has been submitted, as well.