MEMO

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Mark Gaugh, City Manager

Date: July 20, 2015

Re: Manager's Report

Sidewalk Projects – This work is progressing with no major change at this time from last Council meeting.

I met with MoDOT engineers on Friday, June 26, to discuss options for the two sidewalk projects. As I mentioned at a previous Council meeting, the bids were much higher than the engineer's estimate (about $300,000 over). We bid the two projects separately in order to attract a local contractor to bid on the sidewalk portion that did not involve bridge work. However, no local contractors bid on the project. Our plan is to re-package the two projects into one bid. This may help lower the price a little. I think MoDOT likes this option and we will re-visit the funding situation once the new bids are known. Our engineer will also try to secure more bidders, since we only had two bids on the first round. If we bid in late summer or fall, the bridge portion of the project can commence and be worked on during much of the winter.

Recycling Drop Off – Sutherlands has posted at least six signs at the drop off location for recyclables. They are very visible, so all users will know to take recyclables to Clinco after the end of the month.

Crossroads Commercial Site – The State of Missouri Dept. of Economic Development has created a mechanism to have industrial sites pre-certified. This means that prospective businesses that want to locate here will have advanced knowledge that the site meets all environmental requirements, historical parameters and has no dangerous chemicals, etc. The City owns a 48 acre parcel that we are working on certifying. The land is ready to show to any prospective company for all intents and purposes. There are only some minor things to finish up with the certification process.

Street Maintenance Projects – We have received bids for the misc. street repairs. The bidder has requested a completion time of late fall. We can probably work with this timeframe. Contractors are very busy, due to the many projects going on with MoDOT and others. Larger contracts will take priority, but we want to make the repairs as soon as we possibly can. If the contractor is able, he will move in and do the work earlier.