MEMO

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Mark Gaugh, City Manager

Date: January 4, 2016

Re: Manager's Report

Hwy. 36 Crossing/Sidewalks – Bids will be opened on January 28 for the sidewalk projects that extend sidewalks from north of the Sutherlands to the north side of Highway 36. There are many upcoming MoDOT projects that may make it difficult for us to obtain competitive bids. That is why we are bidding at this time and we are also advertising a wider area for bidders who are capable of doing bridge-type construction work to accommodate the pedestrian walkway across the highway.

Patching Machine – We will be sending out bids to purchase a pothole patching machine very soon. We expect delivery prior to the spring maintenance/construction season. The minimum size for a patching crew is three workers. One driver and material handler, one person to operate machine and one person for traffic control. In rare cases, we may get by with two workers, and sometimes it may take four. This will depend on traffic conditions.

Sidewalk Repairs from Utility Cuts – There are several locations in town where sidewalks have been cut for the extension of utility service lines, sump pump discharges, etc. that were not restored at the end of the work. We will be sending letters to the adjacent property owners to get those sidewalk repairs made. If the rest of sidewalk needs repair, we can help with all, or part of the material portion of the expense while funding is available. A typical crew will be three to four maintenance workers to build sidewalks. Our plan to staff the above projects is to hire extra summer helpers if we can obtain them.

Water Plant High Service Pumps – The second high service pump has been overhauled and placed back into service. Both pumps are now in good condition. These pumps are critical to the operation of the treatment plant.

Sixth/Lathrop Area Street Reconstruction – The drawings are in the review stage at this time. Meetings will be held with area residents prior to construction. This will also allow for final design changes, if necessary. Currently, the project is on schedule for spring construction.