# MEMO

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Mark Gaugh, City Manager

Date: March 7, 2016

Re: Manager's Report

Street Projects. We will have a lot of construction going on this spring with various street projects that have been in the planning process to take place this year. The sidewalk extension and pedestrian overpass on Highway 36, is one project. Another, is the reconstruction of several blocks in the area of Lathrop and Sixth, which will complete work that was started some time ago. We plan to do some asphalt sealing to prevent deterioration of some of our recently asphalted streets. For a low cost, we can extend the life of the pavement if we apply the sealer before the asphalt gets too old and porous. We have done test areas in the city that prove the sealer will be well worth the investment. If we have remaining funds after the large Transportation Sales Tax projects are completed, we will add to the list of work. This will also be weather dependent.

Council Chambers Audio-Visual System. There are several components to our sound and video system needing repair or upgrading. I have asked Ameresco to make an evaluation and recommendation. Ameresco recently remodeled the police department dispatch area and data center. The end product is very nice, and more efficient and flexible than the old dispatch area. Since several components to the sound and video system are involved, it will take more than one vendor to make all the necessary improvements. Ameresco would be the one point of contact to make sure all the work is coordinated and done to our specifications. However, we will want to keep our cost as low as we can. Newer technology will be necessary to improve the microphone part of the system, along with the CPU, monitors, overhead display, etc.

Exploration of Transportation Development District (TDD). For many years, improvements have been needed at the intersection of Highway 36 and Bob Griffin Road. MoDOT does not have funding for this project, but may be able to assist in the future with some of the costs. In order to secure a funding mechanism for the improvements, we are looking into the possible development of a TDD in that area. This would be a special property tax assessment voted on, by and for property owners in the area, and/or a sales tax for sales occurring in the proposed district. The property owners must approve the TDD by a majority, of 4/7 of the owners needed to pass. We will make contact with the property owners to see what the level of interest might be.