MEMO

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Mark Gaugh, City Manager

Date: April 18, 2016

Re: Manager's Report

Employee Recognition -

- On April 6, Mike O'Donnell was recognized for 30 years of service on the Cameron Fire Department. A very nice event was created for this recognition and it was attended by Mike's family, the volunteer firefighters, Council members/staff and many invited guests. His staff created a nice event with the intent to keep it a surprise, and I think they pulled it off.
- Joe Whitaker, Water Treatment Plant Operator received the Operator of the Year award at the annual meeting of the Northwest Section of the Missouri Water & Wastewater Conference held at Stoney Creek Inn, Independence, Mo on April 7.
- Recently, we had a mechanical failure at one of our wastewater lift stations that required continued work to keep a high flow of sewage from entering the environment. John Carroll, Supervisor, and five others, along with Alliance employees worked 27 hours straight in order to get the station back in operation.
- After the work of Ameresco was completed at the station, there remained many other tasks to complete that were not part of that contract. Rick Bashor and some of his staff took on the painting, and assisted with the cabinet work and flooring.
- Monday, April 11 was Lineman Appreciation Day for electric line workers.

These are just some of the recent examples where the employees shine. There are others, and we want to recognize those when we can.

Start Smart Initiative Grant – The St. Joseph area Community Action Partnership representatives were shown three potential locations in Cameron for the head-start program. Two were particularly suitable sites. The application is due May 13, so there is a very short time frame for them to complete the application. This is a competitive grant, but each project awarded is eligible for up to $1,000,000 in funding.

Street Projects- We held the pre-construction meetings for the two major projects last week. The contractors reported that these projects are scheduled to begin on April 18 for

the Lathrop area, and April 25 for the pedestrian access project. This is ahead of our initial timeframe.

Old School Committee – We have received cost estimates for the parking lot at the Old School, which included partial replacement, as well. However, the cost appears to be beyond the capacity of any one entity to fund it. So, we are continuing to work on possible solutions, even if only temporary.

Drainage Channel Behind of Kemper Motors – We have requested pricing for rip-rap from a local vendor, but have not received it at the time of this report writing. Will provide update as necessary.

Animal Shelter Status Update – We are waiting on pricing for one of the several options we are considering, which is to make extensive repairs to the building to extend its life. Nothing has been received at this time in the way of a repair estimate.

Mural Project – As reported at the April 4 meeting, the mural project agreement has been signed and work is scheduled to commence on May 10, pending approval of an easement from the property owner.