MEMO

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Mark Gaugh, City Manager

Date: October 17, 2016

Re: Manager's Report

Start Smart Program – The grant application for the Start Smart program is being completed by St. Joseph CAP and MoKAN. The City can help with the project by installing new sidewalks in the area, as well as other improvements that are public. Since funding is very tight on the project, we may be asked to assist in other areas where we can. The amount of project expense is still being evaluated by CAP's architect. There is no fat in the project, and we are looking at all options.

Street Projects- The Lathrop, 5th, 6th, and Mead area project is complete. City crews are doing some of the remaining sidewalks in the area that are not part of the construction contract. They are nearly finished.

The sidewalk overpass project is expected to be complete around the third week of this month (October).

Animal Shelter – We met with the architect on the animal shelter design. A proposal will be submitted very soon. There are some limitations with building it at the current location, but we may be able to make it work. We also have a site near the north water tower that would work, but would need a Conditional Use Permit. There may be opposition of adjacent landowners. The site is a good one, in other respects, however. It is still an option if needed.

Highway 36 Alliance – The tourism group has completed its new web site for the Alliance. The City has been a member of the Alliance since its inception, and it has proven to be a very proactive and professional tourism group for promotion of our area and Northwest Missouri. http://www.americangeniushighway.com/