MEMO

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Mark Gaugh, City Manager

Date: January 3, 2017

Re: Manager's Report

Animal Shelter – Staff met with the architect for the animal shelter design on December 20th. The purpose was to get all the design details worked out as much as possible, prior to final design. We will review the preliminary drawings, which should be available soon, and make any final changes before the bid set is produced. The shelter faces many structural issues and we are working with the architect to incorporate long-life materials, as well as a design that will be more resistant to rodent infestation.

Sewer Projects –Sewer pipe relining should be complete or close to complete in F0001 sub-basin. We are also beginning the process of renewing our plant permit. This is a five-year permit and we may come under disinfection in this permit cycle. If we do, this will be a fairly expensive endeavor. The State has been trying to get most plants to disinfect the effluent in recent years.

Start Smart Grant – The grant application for the Start Smart program was submitted to Jefferson City. Hopefully, things will go well for the facility approval. It would be really nice to see an empty building put to such good use. The location is perfect for the facility, as well.

Snow /Ice Treatment – The ice/snow that we had last month was very difficult to treat, due to the temperature and other factors. The amount of total precipitation was not much, but these types of storms can be expensive to treat. We used a great deal of salt and materials, and since the storm was widespread, national salt supplies may be scarce for a bit. We still have inventory, and our long-term plan is to add additional salt storage for these sorts of events, or when we get multiple snow events that require repeated applications. The companies providing salt do not guarantee delivery in the winter, due to the sudden demand when storms affect a large area.

Hospital (CRMC Renal Dialysis Addition) Construction – Staff met with the architect for the project. They will ready to break ground in the near future.