MEMO

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Mark Gaugh, City Manager

Date: February 6, 2017

Re: Manager's Report

Second Meeting in February – At present, we have no urgent agenda items for the second meeting in February (Presidents Day holiday). So, we won't have to re-schedule, and can hold the next Council meeting on March 6, unless Council has other direction.

Use Tax – The following is from the Missouri Municipal League (MML): *Amazon has announced that starting February 1, 2017, it will be begin reporting and remitting to the Missouri Department of Revenue on sales delivered to Missouri. At the present time, Amazon is making and fulfilling any Missouri sales from locations outside Missouri. Therefore, it appears, any tax they collect will be use tax, which is taxable at the location of the purchaser and that the sales will be subject to local use tax if the local jurisdiction has adopted a use tax.*

Given the volume of sales through Amazon this will likely represent a significant revenue increase for the more than 100 Missouri municipalities that have already imposed a use tax. This development further illustrates the importance of the use tax in leveling the playing field for traditional brick and mortar stores as they compete against out-of-state sales made through the Internet. Missouri municipal leaders are encouraged to research and consider the imposition of a use tax in their community.

Unless Council directs otherwise, we will prepare an ordinance and put the Use Tax on the next available ballot, which will be in August.

Animal Shelter – Now that we getting ready to begin the actual design for the shelter, we looked at the final potential locations near the existing building. The sewer main in the area runs very close to the first proposed location and the line relatively shallow (approx. 4' deep). Because of this, we investigated the area directly to the north, across the drive entrance. We determined that is not over the buried landfill portion, so it would make a good location for the building, and would face the same direction as the existing facility. This location will also allow better public access and make it easier to secure the rest of the site from public access. The location is also good for water and sewer availability.

Police Dept. - The Cameron Police Department has a Police Advisory Board which consists of 7 people who either work or live in Cameron. The board meets with the Police Chief once a month to discuss things going on in the Department and our community. Each meeting, Rick breaks down a section within the Department to discuss in-depth, such as what each component is for, and how it works.

All of the new vehicles have arrived and Sgt Belshe is switching the equipment from the old vehicles to the new vehicles. The new vehicles will be the same black/white design of the patrol vehicles.

Start Smart Grant Program – Now that the grant has been approved, St. Joseph CAP will be proceeding with the Head Start project, which will be located at the old hospital site, Groat and 4th Sts.

Sewer Projects - Work has been continuing on the F-0001 sub-basin. There is nothing new to report on the system work or the treatment plant work, which both are going as scheduled.

Business Park – Bartlett & West is still on schedule to have something for the Council in March, relating to the process of business park development.

Groat St. Reconstruction- The public meeting was held January 31, for the Groat St. reconstruction project and things are proceeding as expected.