MEMO

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Mark Gaugh, City Manager

Date: March 20, 2017

Re: Manager's Report

New Web Site for Certified Sites – The Missouri Partnership informed me that they are joining forces with the Certified Sites Program to establish a new web site for industrial/commercial prospects to view available land sites. The web site will utilize flyover videos of certified sites in Missouri. This will be a really nice feature, making it easier for prospects to look at numerous sites in a short amount of time. Our crossroads site (46 acres) is certified, so it will be on the new web site. In the future, the business park should be certified, as well.

Projects-

Groat Street – Nothing new to report on this item. Project is proceeding, however.

Pedestrian Bridge – Bartlett & West has the design work nearly complete for the bridge.

Industrial Park Investigation – Initial meeting and Presentation with the Steering Committee regarding site investigation and analysis happened March 24th. Presentation to City Council was at a work session held on March 15.

Sewer Project– The wastewater plant is continuing with nothing major to report at this time.

Animal Shelter – The architects are finishing up the design phase of the project, and it is time we make a final decision on the location.

Head Start Facility – There is nothing new to report, but the project is going as planned.

Development Projects- We received interest in many commercial projects, lately. There are at least five developers looking at potential locations. Of course, not all of them will materialize, but this sort of activity hasn't happened in many years. Construction for the new travel center should start any time. The expansion for the other side of the highway is proceeding, as well, with the contractor doing dirt work and aligning the storm water drainage channel. We are continuing to find some dangerous structures and plan to be working on the house demolition bids this spring.