MEMO

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Mark Gaugh, City Manager

Date: December 4, 2017

Re: Manager's Report

Future Head Start Facility – St. Joseph CAP is in the process of finalizing the purchase of the old hospital building. The design work for the remodel should begin relatively soon after building acquisition. This is a much anticipated project and will make very good use of an existing building and grounds. The City agreed to help with sidewalk and parking pavement. They may request additional assistance with playground equipment, but there will need to be a public use component required. This can all be worked out at the appropriate time.

Demolitions – We added some old dilapidated buildings at the business park to our demo list. I believe those have already been removed. Two of the buildings were an old garage and shed located next to the farmhouse. The area already looks better.

Animal Shelter Building – The Committee for the animal shelter building is scheduled to meet next on November 30. One of the next steps will most likely be to meet with the architect to make any suggested adjustments to the original design. Once that part is done, we can get an estimated cost of construction.

Economic Development Report by Rumery & Associates – Report is given at the Council meeting, usually on a monthly basis.

Community Swap Presentation – Tim Wymes will present the results of the Community Swap program. The Cities of Savannah and Cameron performed a clandestine operation where citizens of each city visited the other. The operation was not disclosed so the results would not be skewed. The citizens from Savannah noted the good things they saw in Cameron, as well as the things that might be made better. The Missouri University Extension conducted the program that brought valuable insight from an outsiders perspective.