MEMO

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Mark Gaugh, City Manager

Date: May 7, 2018

Re: Manager's Report

Animal Shelter – Staff recommends that the Council consider constructing a new animal shelter in general conformance with the architectural design originally proposed. As a second option, if Council does not wish to spend the money for a new shelter, we recommend using the existing structure with some additional improvements. Staff estimates that some time can be bought if $7,000 to $10,000 was spent on some interior modifications. Some time ago, staff began making improvements to the animal shelter building in order to keep it in compliance with regulations, a new roof was also installed, along with block run walls, doors, new paint on most of the exterior, re-painted sign, along with other improvements. If we do a few additional things, we should be able to get a few more years out of the building. In the long term, however, we will most likely be looking at a new facility.

Open House – On April 25th, staff held an Open House for the Codes, Public Works and Utility Depts. We had a very good turnout with approximately 40 visitors in attendance. The purpose of the Open House was to introduce staff and go over departmental responsibilities related to construction projects and codes, as well as to answer questions relating to the departments. I heard many good comments about the event, which was productive for both staff and citizens.

Construction Projects – The Prospect St. project is out for bid until May 24. Commercial projects, such as the Chung's expansion and the Jones Travel Center are proceeding according to schedule. The old Nelle's Restaurant is being razed to make room for the new convenience store.

Economic Development Report – Terry Rumery will give reports to Council, usually on a monthly basis.