MEMO

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Mark Gaugh, City Manager

Date: May 21, 2018

Re: Manager's Report

Water Restrictions – Staff met last week to go over the next phase of water restrictions, should it become necessary. Plans are to make sure emergency pumping is in place and approvals obtained to pump a limited amount of water from Pony Express Lake. This must be approved by the Missouri Department of Conservation.

Great Northwest Wholesale Water Commission - The GNWWC was able to secure a Contract for Purchase for a piece of ground located in St. Joseph to be used as a tank site and connection point to Missouri American. With alignment survey work near completion and geotechnical work near 50% completed, the Commission has now started acquiring easements. The engineering firms have started on final design which should be completed by spring of 2019. Construction should take approximately 1 year and project completion is anticipated mid to late 2020.

Construction Projects –
Highway 36/Griffin Rd. Intersection Improvements – I met with the MoDOT engineer, regarding the needed improvements at the intersection. The current plan is add some dedicated turn lanes and signals. However, there will still be more work to do at the intersection. Once our Community Improvement District (CID) process is complete, we will be able to let the State know what revenues will be generated and what cost participation there might be from the CID. Then, the partnership agreement can be established. I will be meeting with the State Director of MoDOT, along with his finance staff to work out the details, once the CID is established.

The Prospect St. project is out for bid until May 24. Commercial projects, such as the Chung's expansion and the Jonez Travel Center are proceeding according to schedule. The old Nelle's Restaurant is now gone, and the footings are being set for the new convenience store building.

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