MEMO

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Steve Rasmussen, City Manager

Date: May 6, 2019

Subject: Manager's Report

Animal Shelter. Tim, Kathy, David Lee (who previously worked on the animal shelter issue) and I met with Sara, the architect formerly with River Bluff Architects, and Warden Korneman on Thursday. We are working to bring back to Council a proposal at the first meeting in June that will give the staff approval to move ahead with producing bid-ready plans for a new animal facility. This will likely be a combination of City funds, in-kind contributions, work release efforts and public donations.

Economic Development Alliance Meeting. Tim Wymes and I attended the KC Area Development Council Alliance meeting held in Kansas City last week. The event featured the State of Kansas's new Secretary of Commerce David Toland and the Missouri Director of Economic Development, Rob Dixon. I was struck by three things. First, there were about 60 people present representing cities in the KC area, all trying to get a bite of the same pie. Second, that they emphasized that resourcing our own development activities was very important. And third that in thinking about our own resources, put together we have less than one full-time equivalent working economic development.

Property Tax Recovery. Council asked at the last meeting about how we might recover some of the lost personal property tax we are now writing off. I have been working with the directors to come up with alternatives to the "sticker" system. We have looked at what other cities do and have several options. We will review the pluses/minuses of them and get back to you soon with some workable options for you to consider.

Council Committee Meetings. We now have a new set of Council Committees and I have assigned a Staff Liaison for each of them. These Liaisons will be getting back with their respective Committee Chairmen with items in their areas of responsibility for the Committees to consider and suggestions for Committee Meetings.

Upcoming Budget Meetings. I have been meeting with Carmen to carefully review the current budget in preparation for the new budget cycle. We will be distributing budget worksheets to the directors at the end of this month. This will be in preparation for the first meeting with the finance committee, which I would envision to be in early July.

Park Master Plan. I have also been working with Drew to review the Parks Master Plan to see how we are doing. I am happy to report that much of what is presented there is currently underway and I look forward to being able to work with the Public Works Committee to go over this in more detail.

Business Park Master Plan. As reported in the Agenda Schedule Worksheet, we will be bringing forward the Business Park Master plan, done by Bartlett and West at the second meeting in June.