CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Steve Rasmussen, City Manager

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Subject: Manager's Report

4th of July !!! A great Celebration. Congratulations and thanks again to Tim and all his volunteers.

Utility Rate Increase. After a detailed analysis it appears that my recommendation to Council will be for about a 12% rate increase in utility rates in this year's upcoming budget. This is a result of the closing of the Crossroads Correctional Facility. That there is an impact should not come as a surprise to anyone, but the increase is more than we had anticipated. We will prepare an FAQ document for Council to help answer questions. We also have engaged an outside third party to review our data to ensure correctness and look for anything we may have missed. During the next three weeks, the staff will engage in a public education campaign to help show the public how this came about and why it is necessary.

Pay Matrix. Since we have the significant item addressed above to deal with in the upcoming budget, we are working the pay matrix issues for consideration as an upcoming issue but not as a part of this budget. It will have our first attention after the new budget is in place and will likely then be considered as a part of the next budget. I am well aware that this is one of the Council's eight priorities for the next 12-18 months, however.

Animal Care Facility. The Animal Care Facility design has been completed and was scheduled to be sent out for bid on July 11th. It is proposed to be paid for with a combination of City funds and donated funds for a total of about $600,000. I have briefed the Friends of the Facility on this schedule and will go over the detail with the Council in the coming week. We anticipate getting bids back on August 2nd for Council consideration.

Main Street Board Meeting. The fourth Main Street Board meeting was held at the Old School on Wednesday night, July 10th, at 5:30. The board reviewed the proposed bylaws with new additions from Missouri Main Street and voted to move forward with these bylaws with the corrections. As the bylaws are adopted, a slate of officers will be produced, the not for profit organization will be established, and liability insurance will be acquired. All of this is moving forward well and the group in enthusiastic about getting all of this in place and beginning to produce results. The group's next meeting will be in two weeks, July 24th, same time, same place.