CITY MANAGER REPORT

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: David Watson, City Manager
DATE: October 28, 2010
RE: City Manager Report

REDUCED SPEED LIMIT ON US 36
The City was notified that MODOT would be lowering the speed limit on US 36 within Cameron City limits to a maximum of 55 mph. The signage was to be installed on October 27, 2010 however, that has not occurred as of today.

STIMULUS FUNDS II
A professional grant writer from Excelsior Springs met with staff last week and, through that discussion, she is preparing material for Stimulus II funds for a Walnut Street Improvement Project. Additionally, she is looking into funds for Park and Recreation to augment the ¼% sales tax for the Community Recreation Center or the trails system around the reservoirs.

PROPOSED COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER
A site plan, building plan, and 3D drawing are now available from Riverbluff Architects. These drawings will be available at the meeting. The City has been running radio, newspaper, and shopper ads the last two weeks. Staff has attended public rallies where we presented information on the proposed sales tax.

ADDITIONAL PARK LAND
Staff continues to pursue purchasing approximately 38 acres on McElwain Drive and N. Harris St. for the Park Board. The property would be added to the Park Board inventory for future uses such as a new baseball/softball complex as well as a trailhead for the trail system around Reservoirs 1, 2 and 3. The appraisal for the property has been delivered and shows a value of $410,000 or $10,800 per acre. Staff is meeting with the Board on Thursday night to see what direction they wish to take on acquiring the land. Staff will update you at the meeting on any direction taken by the Board.

NEW RECYCLING DROP OFF CENTER AT CLINCO
Staff had a meeting with Evelyn Clemons (Clinco) on 10/28/10 at 8:00 am.
Mrs. Clemons is considering other locations on Clinco's property which she will present to Clinco's Board. Once a Board meeting date is established, she will notify Clyde Han as our project coordinator so that City Staff can attend.

UPDATE ON QUESTIONS BY COUNCIL

1. Joint paving of Christian Church Parking lot and City alley: No action taken as we are contacting the church because we are **not** planning on any paving this year.
   Oct. 4, 2010 Update:
   Staff added the project to the 2011-2012 Road Maintenance Program

2. Jefferson Bus Lines Shelter: There has not been any progress on this issue. It has been assigned to the Red Team for recommendation and possible action. A representative for Jefferson has contacted the City as the Nutrition Site has asked them to leave.
   Oct. 28, 2010 Update:
   The City Manger is waiting on return call from Jefferson Bus Lines to see if there is interest in moving back to town.

3. Tree Farm: The Gold Team has Vision project No. 18, Tree Planting Program. The Gold Team has not made a final recommendation on the tree farm location. The City did receive a grant this week to conduct a tree inventory in the Spring 2011.
   Oct. 7, 2010 Update:
   Dr. Carr has offered to assist the staff in identifying a Tree Farm location, secure an initial tree donation and coordinate the Boy Scouts to design, implement and manage the Tree Farm. Staff appreciates the offer and look forward to seeing the farm come to life.

Future Agenda Items:

Future

- Bill: Adding new Dangerous and Dilapidated Structures Ord. – ***Han, Watson, Hendee***
  Companion Bill: Transfer of Mack Porter money from the CDBG Fund to a new D and D Program. Since the City will soon have Mack Porter funds for demolition, staff has been asked to explore programs that would acquire property (donated or at low cost) that need demolition. Once acquired and demo is complete, the City would sell to developers for new infill residential construction.
- Bill: To Expend MoDOT Funds for Airport Hangar Expansion Project – ***Bontrager***
  The City has been approved for MoDOT aviation funds to start the site preparation for the future hangar expansion, awaiting notification from MoDOT that funding is available. Funds would be used to grade the area north of the terminal for private development of hangars.
- Bill: Amending Sign Regulations – ***Hendee***
  During some recent code interpretations, staff found some errors in the numbering system that created a missing section. Staff also believes we need an overhaul of this section that may include a more comprehensive matrix for user friendliness. With the recent letter from ACLU staff will conduct a more thorough review and will be using services recently added by MPR to help communities in Planning and Zoning issues.
- Bill: Conditional Use Regulations – ***Hendee***
  P and Z is reviewing the Conditional Use regulations to possibly include certain land uses that have been granted Conditional Use permits by a loose interpretation of the code. Staff is reworking the proposal to place the listed conditional uses within the respective Zoning Districts
- Bill: Allowing Row Crops in Commercial Districts - ***Hendee***
  The City has several properties zoned commercial that are being used as row crop production. Row crops are not specifically allowed in this district but allowed in the lesser residential district.