CITY MANAGER REPORT

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: David Watson, City Manager
DATE: January 12, 2011
RE: City Manager Report

SUKUP PROPERTY
The required fence and signage is complete. Covenant restrictions have not been filed and the EPA press release regarding the agreement for the former Rockwool property has not been sent out.

MCELWAIN, ENSIGN AND US 36 INTERSECTION
Staff did meet and the following was their recommendation to MoDOT:

1. **McElwain Drive Warning Signs**. Add the lights to the second set of intersection warning signs along the passing lanes along the median.
2. **McElwain Drive Stop Signs**. Stop signs at McElwain Drive/Ensign Trace and US 36 include solar-powered, red LED flashing lights as well as reflective tape on the signposts.
3. **McElwain Drive Intersection Configuration**. The long-term solution to the intersection is a future overpass somewhere west of McElwain Drive. We ask that MoDOT begin the transportation planning process to establish the location for a future West Cameron overpass/interchange.
4. **US 36 Intersection Ahead Sign**. During the McElwain Drive process the City requested signage advising motorists that McElwain Drive is the street to the north and that Ensign /Grand/Bus. 36 is the south turn. What is the progress on that request? Also would like to explore ways to simplify signage at the intersection itself.
5. **US 36/US 69 Pedestrian Access**. The City request the Jersey Barriers on the overpass is installed as soon as possible. The City also request that MoDOT identify the locations where the City is to provide sidewalk access. The City intends to install the walkways later this year according to MoDOT specifications. Please provide drawings indicating the preferred route and specs.

TASERS TO GO INTO SERVICE BY JANUARY 15TH
The Police Department has completed their use policy and use training and will place the new tasers into service on or by January 15th. The new units will be a welcome alternative to deadly force and come with onboard lights and camera to record the use.

JIM CLINE COMPLAINT
The City is waiting on bids for the defined scope of improvements.

MOVE COUNCIL MEETING
The Monday, February 21st regular meeting is on Presidents Day and a Holiday in which City Hall will be closed. In the past, Council has canceled the meeting but this time staff would recommend that you move the meeting to Tuesday, February 22nd instead. Because of the current work load, we may need the meeting to move legislation along. Spreading out readings causes the need to keep bi-monthly meetings so legislation is moving.

Future Agenda Items:

- Bill: (Second Reading) Professional Services Agreement with GBA (architects/engineers) for New Electric Yard – ***Gaugh*** This bill allows the City to engage an engineer/architect to design the site layout for a proposed combined electric service yard.
- 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: Accepting bid for Tree Inventory (TRIM Grant) – ***Bontrager***
  The City recently received a grant to conduct a tree inventory from the State of Missouri. The grant requires that a certified Arborist conduct the tree identification and inspection.
- 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***
  Within the City are 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 districts. Additionally, staff is working with Soil Conservation to create a usable document that controls sediment runoff within Cameron.
- Bill: Automated Meter Reading System and Rate Adjustment – ***Gaugh***
  The system improvement would replace all water meters and all older model electric meters and then link them wirelessly to City Hall.

- Bill: Accepting bid for aerial photography – ***Bontrager***

Within the 2010-2011 budget is a project to fly new aerials and topography at a tighter resolution to support our GIS. The aerial is also important as we continue to develop our storm water improvements. Our current aerials were flown in 2006 and a lot of changes have occurred. The aerial will need to be flown in the Spring of 2011.

- Bill: Back to School Sales Tax Holiday - ***Watson***
  City Council and staff has been asked to consider joining the state in helping our citizens with school age children. In the past, the City has not elected to participate in any state sales tax holidays. As you may know not all sales tax is forgiven only those items identified for school can be eligible for forgiveness. The loss of revenue to Cameron may in fact be minimal and provide goodwill in the Community. This item will need to be acted on by May in order to be in place with the Department of Revenue.
- Resolution: Accepting bid for Public Safety Building generator (Jan)– ***Sloan/O'Donnell***
  Within the 2010-2011 budget is a capital request for a permanent generator to support the Public Safety building during loss of power situations.