CITY MANAGER REPORT

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

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING GENERATOR
Since Council's action on May 2nd, a grass roots group (CERT a 501.3c) has started a funding campaign ($6,000.00 so far) to purchase a new generator. The main person that I can identify at this time is Roger Durant. We will keep you informed on their progress.

RECYCLING: CURBSIDE AND DROP-OFF CENTER
Attended the May 10th meeting of the Clinco Board to present and discuss options for Clinco to provide our recycling programs. The presentation was to have Clinco operate our curbside program and to possibly close our drop-off center. We also discussed moving the drop-off center adjacent to Clinco to reduce logistics costs. Staff has several items to examine and analyze and will present to the Solid Waste Committee and then Clinco.

CAMERON AMBULANCE PAY BACK
Attended the May 9th Cameron Ambulance District regular meeting. At this meeting, I presented a request to modify our payment agreement for the $146,876.62 the City owes the District for interest in the Public Safety building. I reviewed with the Board our current finances within the General Fund. The request was for the District to accept $73,500.00 immediately and carry the balance for a maximum of four quarters. The balance due would be reduced by $5,188.05 quarterly. This reduction is the amount for providing communications for the District and established by a separate agreement. The Board discussed the request and responded by letter on May 10th that they accepted and added a 2% interest of $1,467.54 on the original $73,376.62 making a balance due in April 2012 after quarterly reductions to $54,190.68.

JIM CLINE REMEDIATION
The attorneys (both sides) are still working on this project and it will not be ready by May 16th. I expect it to appear on your June 6th agenda.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
At the last meeting Councilmember David Fry asked to add the pledge of allegiance to the agenda of City Council. Mayor Clark asked that Council wait until the next meeting so all members could be present. This is the placeholder for that discussion.

IMPACT FEE
Staff is preparing to present this discussion at a Water, Sewer and Storm Water Committee meeting. We will attempt to get that committee together next week and discuss this issue as well as a storm water improvement plan update and possible water and sewer rate adjustments. The Committee is made of Mayor Clark and Mayor Pro-Tem Buck.

Future Agenda Items:

- Bill: Amending Snow Removal Ordinance - ***Bontrager***
  Staff is working on some changes to better provide snow removal services.
- Resolution: Accepting $75,000 Homeland security grant – ***Sloan/O'Donnell***
  We are waiting on the State to release funds.
- 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 Dilapidated and Dangerous Structure 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: 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.