MEMO

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Mark Gaugh, City Manager

Date: June 18, 2012

Re: City Manager's Report

Public Works Committee Meeting for Walnut St. and Eighth St. Projects – We will be meeting on June 19th with Olsson Associates for the initial workshop regarding the Walnut St. storm water improvements. There will be some discussion of Eighth St., as well. This particular committee consists of all City Council members and will meet at 1:00 p.m. that day.

Chime System – I met with Doug Schmitz, from Regional Radio in Cameron, regarding the fund drive for the downtown chime system. The radio station and Cameron Newspapers will be heading up a funding drive to purchase the chime system. $8,000 of the anticipated $16,000 needed for the system has been pledged by one donor. They will be coming up with a name for the drive so that people wanting to contribute will have an avenue to do so. More will be announced by the two at a later date.

Public Safety Committee – The Council Public Safety Committee met on Wednesday, June 13, to discuss several issues relating to the police department:

Council Members: Jerri Ann Eddins and Darlene Breckenridge

Staff present: Police Chief Corey Sloan and City Manager, Mark Gaugh

- Staffing
- Cost Recovery Ideas
- Patrol Car Replacement Schedule

Regarding staffing, we are going to replace the position of a patrol officer most recently vacated. When the General Reserve reaches its minimum recommended level of %15, we can look at other improvements, as long as the revenues will support the expenses. This is not expected to occur this fiscal year, but filling the open patrol position now will help reduce the need for extra hours worked among the existing staff.

In the area of cost recovery, we are looking at how the City pays out comp time to see if some savings can be achieved. We are also looking at an idea presented by Chief Sloan,

where we may be able to recover some of our fuel expense by imposing a fuel surcharge on speeding tickets and/or other moving violations. It has been done in a city located in Georgia, and we are checking to see if it is something that would be permitted by Missouri statutes. If this is allowed, it would recover thousands of dollars per year in fuel expense incurred from these types of traffic stops.

In the area of equipment replacement, we talked about putting our patrol units on a replacement schedule when the General Fund can support it. It was also discussed to look at the type of patrol vehicles purchased to keep fuel cost or operating expenses as low as possible. Since the fiscal year 2012-2013 budget is not finalized, we do not yet know if we can replace any patrol cars. There are three units needing to be considered for replacement, and we would like to replace at least one of them during the upcoming fiscal year. We have had some major repair expenses over the past year, and we can reduce that expense in the future, if we can keep the units to a reasonable replacement schedule. Funding, however, will be the determining factor. The Committee recommends to the Council Finance Committee to replace at least one car in the upcoming fiscal year, if possible.

The Committee would like to meet on a quarterly or semi-annual basis to keep abreast of public safety issues, so we will come up with a tentative schedule.