

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Anderson at 7:00 p.m. with Roll Call:

Roll Call:	Cannon	Present	Urbanek	Present
	Maniez	Present	Zindler	Present
	Templin	Present		

The Mayor led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Citizens signed the book on page 7.

1. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approve Minutes from the Council meeting of January 15th, 2004.
- b. Approve Pay Ordinance No. 490.
- c. Consider Addendum to Agreement in Determining Excise Tax Amount for R-30 Enterprises.
- d. Consider Tower Lease Agreement with Tann Electric, Inc. for wireless internet service.

Mayor Anderson reviewed the items on the Consent Agenda. Councilman Urbanek asked to pull Item 1.c. for discussion.

Motion by Councilman Urbanek to approve the Consent Agenda, Items a., b., and d.; second by Templin.

Roll Call:	Cannon	Yes	Urbanek	Yes
	Maniez	Yes	Zindler	Yes
	Templin	Yes		

Motion carried.

Councilman Urbanek asked Patrick Reavey about the Addendum of the R-30 Enterprises, LLC. Discussion regarding the term ending in 2007; Mr. Reavey will correct the language.

Motion by Councilman Urbanek to approve the Addendum with the changes noted for Mr. Reavey to change; second by Cannon. Discussion by Councilwoman Templin that the top line should read "2003".

Roll Call:	Maniez	Yes	Urbanek	Yes
	Cannon	Yes	Templin	Yes
	Zindler	Yes		

Motion carried.

2. Call to Public:

"Members of the public are welcome to use this time to comment about any matter relating to City business that is not listed on this Agenda. The comments that are discussed under Call to Public may or may not be acted upon by the Council during this meeting. **There is a four-minute time limit.** Please stand and wait to be recognized by the Mayor."

Barry Theirer, President of De Soto Park Board, read a statement to the Council. He stated the

Park Board had not been directly involved in the changing of the proposed new pool's location. He said the Park Board members felt strongly about the insinuation that they were involved in any type of deception. Mr. Theirer stated the board is a volunteer board and they have put in countless hours in improving the parks and if they aren't appreciated, then Council needs to make a change.

Councilwoman Zindler stated the second-hand information received by Mr. Theirer was incorrect and she asked the mayor for clarification. Discussion by Mayor Anderson that he had talked with Mr. Theirer pertaining to the miscommunications and second-hand information. Mr. Theirer stated the main point is that when people read or hear untrue statements that they not assume the Park Board has made incorrect decisions. He stated that, in the past, the park board has maintained good communications with the Council until this incident; and, stated the board would like to know they are appreciated for the volunteer hours they put in. Discussion by Mr. Theirer.

Councilman Maniez stated his comments at the past Council meeting were not an insinuation to the Park Board in any way; his discussion was with Mr. Johnson. He stated his concern was that the operating and maintenance costs would be presented in the bond issue so the public would see the true costs and not just the bond issue amount. Councilman Maniez stated he did not present it properly to Greg, and it was in no way intended to be negative to the Park Board members. Mr. Maniez apologized for the misunderstanding and stated he truly appreciated the Park Board members and the hours of time they devote.

Darrel Zimmerman, 34055 W. 86th Terrace, read a letter regarding De Soto being a "Tree City". His letter discussed the "unpopular" trees in the City. He would like the people of De Soto to work together with an arborist in cleaning out some trees and replanting good trees. The majority of the trees in the City are volunteer and need to be cleared out.

Discussion by Councilwoman Templin, Mayor Anderson and Mike Brungardt regarding the current zoning regulations on trees in new developments. Jay Garvin, Park Director, stated the Park Board has been in touch with the District Forester in setting up a tree inventory in the City. It will take about three full days to inventory all the trees in the City. The Park Board has also done some plantings at the Sunflower Park. Discussion by Councilwoman Templin, Mr. Garvin and Mr. Zimmerman.

3. Chamber / EDC Report: Sara Ritter, Executive Director, said there were over 60 people at the Chamber meeting today. There are 13 new members in the Chamber. The Chamber will be promoting some new networking opportunities with coffees and after-hours meetings. Mrs. Ritter will be providing a new plan recommendation for the Council's consideration at the next meeting.
4. Old Business:
 - a. Discuss proceedings on unsafe structure located at 32955 W. 83rd Street. Mayor Anderson said he would like to combine items a. and b. for discussion purposes. Patrick Reavey, City Attorney, has sent a letter to Jane Ann Warren and has not heard back from her. Mr. Reavey stated Mr. Nate Harding has been in touch with Ms. Warren and is negotiating to buy the properties. Mr. Harding is also purchasing the property located at 8380 Wyandotte as soon as the title work is completed.

Mr. Nate Harding, De Soto, stated he will be happy to provide the Council with copies of contracts for all three properties and they should close by the end of the month. He is taking bids on tearing down the structure at 8245 Wyandotte Street. Mr. Harding is working with the Building Official and may rehab the structure on 32955 W. 83rd Street. He will be taking down the garage in the back of the property. He will address the safety issues immediately. He is hopeful these two properties will close by March 1st, 2004. The title company is working on this.

Council is pleased these matters are being resolved. Discussion with Mr. Reavey on the ownership of the property now changing. Discussion by Mayor Anderson with Mr. Harding to provide a letter to the Council regarding the status of these properties.

Motion by Councilwoman Zindler to table items 4 a. and b. until the 1st meeting in Mach; second by Cannon.

Roll Call:	Cannon	Yes	Urbanek	Yes
	Maniez	Yes	Zindler	Yes
	Templin	Yes		

Motion carried.

- b. Discuss proceedings on unsafe structure located at 8245 Wyandotte Street. (Item discussed above with a.)
- c. Discuss RFQ for water study consulting services. Discussion by Mike Brungardt, City Engineer, regarding the RFQ and his memo dated January 30, 2004, directed to the Council and staff. This memo summarizes the requests by the Council for the areas of study, and this is the first step in drafting the RFQ. Councilwoman Templin asked about item 4.b regarding wholesale purchase of water on the operational costs. Discussion with Mr. Brungardt regarding upfront costs and production.

Mayor Anderson asked about the underground infrastructure. Discussion with Mr. Brungardt that this area can be added to the RFQ. Mayor Anderson also asked about a business plan if the City is going to get into the water sale business. Mr. Brungardt stated that this can be added under paragraph 5. Discussion by Mayor Anderson.

Discussion by Councilwoman Templin on improvement costs. Councilman Maniez asked if the improvement costs added to 4.b. would include the capital improvement costs. Councilwoman Templin stated she would like the rate comparison between actual cost and relate that to operational cost. Discussion by Mr. Brungardt and Council on costs to be compared.

Mayor Anderson asked for Council volunteers for the water consultant selection. Councilman Maniez and Councilman Urbanek volunteered to assist Mr. Brungardt in the selection process.

5. New Business:

- a. Consider granting temporary occupancy permit for Valley Spring Homes. Mr. Brungardt stated the Commercial Group is requesting a temporary occupancy permit. He stated there is a procedure set out in the Subdivision Regulations regarding escrow deposits for improvements when inclement weather is a factor. Mr. Brungardt provided a memo to the Council dated January 29, 2004, regarding the outstanding items that are dependent on good weather. He has calculated \$126,075 to be held in escrow by the City for the completion of the items.

Mr. Don Cooper of the Commercial Group has requested a special consideration on the escrow amount. They are requesting the \$62,000 excise tax refund they will be due be deducted from the escrow amount calculated. Discussion by Councilwoman Templin on the cost of the shoulder on 83rd Street if it has to be removed and replaced. Discussion by Councilman Maniez on items 2 and 14. Larry Baxter, Building Official, stated he performed an inspection today and the developer has some erosion control that will need to be done. The Commercial Group is requesting a permit to open about 20 of the units that are ready for occupancy. The lift station is not functioning at this time. There is a meeting on Friday with all the people concerned who have provided equipment for the lift station.

Orville, D. F. Osborne Contractors, stated the lift station is under a warranty. Councilman Maniez asked what happens if the lift station doesn't work. Orville said that Douglas Pump would come out and fix the problem. If the station goes down, there are trash pumps that could pump it out until the pump can be repaired. Discussion by Mike Brungardt that the pumps will be completely operational before the temporary occupancy permit will be granted. There will be bonds held to ensure the lift station is working. Discussion by Mayor Anderson and Orville regarding the two pumps in the lift station. The secondary pump had a bad starter and Douglas

Pump replaced the starter. Both pumps were working until yesterday. Councilwoman Templin asked about the lift station working. Mr. Baxter stated he will not issue a temporary occupancy permit until the lift station is working properly.

Councilwoman Cannon stated she is all right with the escrow arrangement; Councilman Urbanek said he is o.k. with it. Councilman Maniez said he has a concern with the orange cones. Mr. Brungardt stated the backfilling has been done. Orville stated the cones are still there because the turn lanes have not been permanently striped with the thermoplastic striping. When the weather warms up, then the asphalt work will be completed on the shoulders. Discussion by Mayor Anderson regarding the backfilling by the asphalt contractor. Discussion by Councilman Urbanek on No. 5 regarding the width of the asphalt on each shoulder.

Don Cooper addressed the Council. He stated the entire project is bonded and will be completed. He thanked the City staff for keeping the project going and working with the contractor. Mr. Cooper said he doesn't understand why there needs to be another layer with an escrow account when there is a bond in place. He would propose that the base amount be reduced. Mayor Anderson stated the subdivision regulations call for an escrow deposit for improvements to be completed. Mayor Anderson stated he is concerned about the site work taking so long and there have been many complaints about the road work.

Councilman Maniez stated he does not feel the 150% is unreasonable and it is based on getting the project completed in a timely manner. He does not feel the City should be put in the position of burdening itself in overseeing completion of a project. Mr. Cooper stated this project has only been going for seven months and if the weather had cooperated, it would be farther along. The completion date is set for April. Mr. Cooper said he would like one of his proposed options to be considered as he feels they are more reasonable.

Discussion by Councilwoman Templin and Mr. Brungardt on the proposals by Mr. Cooper. Mr. Brungardt said this is a procedure that the subdivision regulations provide for and he is in agreement with the Mayor and Councilman Maniez in following the regulations. Mayor Anderson asked how many units they are requesting an occupancy permit for. Mr. Cooper said they are requesting occupancy for 20 of the 52 units.

Mayor Anderson stated he feels that by mid-March some of these items could be taken care of within the next 30 days and they should be completed. Discussion by Councilman Maniez that once people move in, you can't move them out. Mayor Anderson said there are no life/safety issues involved so he is willing to grant it for 30 days. Discussion by Councilwoman Templin on what happens if the improvements are not done in 30 days. Discussion by Councilman Maniez that he doesn't feel the City should have to monitor this.

Mr. Baxter stated there will be 32 units that are being completed and they will not receive an occupancy permit until these items are completed on the first 20 units they are asking a permit for. Mr. Cooper said they are on the hook and it is incumbent upon them to get these items resolved as they need to complete the project and begin to recoup their investment.

Councilwoman Zindler stated she is supportive of the City's policy and it is in the best interest of the taxpayers for Council to follow the regulations. She is in favor of the escrow account. Councilman Urbanek stated he is in agreement with Councilwoman Zindler. Councilwoman Cannon stated the City is already holding their excise tax money. Mr. Brungardt stated when all the public improvements are completed and approved by the City, then the excise tax refund will be made. Some of these items have recently been completed. The 83rd Street improvements must be completed and accepted by the City. Councilman Maniez asked Mr. Reavey about Article 7 of the Subdivision Regulations. Mr. Reavey stated this is an exception that is written in the regulations. Discussion by Council on an exception for bonded projects.

Mr. Brungardt stated the language does not differentiate between bonded and unbonded projects. Discussion on the 16 items listed for completion. Items 2, 6, 10 and 14 have been

completed or will be completed before a temporary occupancy permit will be issued. Discussion by Mayor Anderson and Mr. Brungardt on who will be monitoring these improvements and accepting them. Discussion by Mr. Reavey and Councilman Maniez.

Motion by Councilman Maniez to allow the temporary occupancy permit for Valley Spring Homes, per the subdivision regulations, and for the escrow amount to be reduced by the excise tax at the time of Mike's assessment of the unfinished items; and conditioned upon Valley Spring Homes not seeking a refund of the excise tax until all items are completed; second by Cannon.

Roll Call:	Cannon	Yes	Urbanek	Yes
	Maniez	Yes	Zindler	Yes
	Templin	Yes		

Motion carried.

Mayor Anderson called a five-minute recess at 8:42 p.m.
Mayor Anderson reconvened the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

- b. Consider request from Rita Jones, Chairperson for the De Soto Relay for Life Committee.

Rita Jones presented the Council with a Relay for Life bank and goodies. She read a brief statement regarding "promoting the cure" as the basis for Relay for Life. She introduced Lori Murdock, a cancer survivor and resident of De Soto. Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's community fight against cancer. The 2004 goal for De Soto's Relay is \$30,000. She is requesting the City to take part in the Relay this year.

Discussion by Councilwoman Zindler that this definitely is a community wide event and brings in many out-of-town people to walk in the Relay. Councilman Maniez asked if it should be donated in the name of the City as this opens a door to other charities. Councilman Maniez stated he would be willing to donate his Council pay and asked if the other Council members are willing to do this. Councilwoman Templin asked about some underwriting of items needed. Mayor Anderson said he liked Councilman Maniez's idea of donating a paycheck. Discussion by Councilwoman Templin that this is a community event and since we waive the fees for gym rental for some community events, we should help with this event in some way.

Motion by Councilwoman Zindler to allocate \$250 to the Relay for Life for the D.J. and a \$250 allocation toward the purchase of tee shirts, with the money coming out of the general fund; second by Templin.

Roll Call:	Cannon	Yes	Urbanek	Yes
	Maniez	Yes	Zindler	Yes
	Templin	Yes		

Motion carried.

Councilman Maniez challenged the City Council members to donate \$100 of their future Council pay to Relay for Life and that will make \$500. Councilman Maniez stated the Council members are not in this for the money anyway. Councilman Maniez said he will be the captain for a City team. Mayor Anderson stated he accepts Councilman Maniez's challenge and will match every Council donation.

- c. Consider Lease Agreement with Victory Place Church. Greg Johnson stated the lease is in the same form as it was this past year. Councilwoman Templin asked what would happen if the City needs to terminate the lease for some reason. At present, there is no provision for this in the lease. Discussion by Councilwoman Templin and Councilman Maniez that there should be a termination clause for the City in case something should arise and the City needs the space. Patrick Reavey stated he will amend the lease. Councilwoman Cannon asked if there had been any complaints. Mr. Johnson stated there were some concerns earlier on, but they have been corrected. Pastor Jeff stated he would like the lease renewed.

Motion by Councilwoman Templin to approve the Lease Agreement with Victory Place Church with the condition that the City may terminate at any time with 90-days notice; second by Urbanek.

Roll Call:	Cannon	Yes	Urbanek	Yes
	Maniez	Yes	Zindler	Yes
	Templin	Yes		

Motion carried.

- d. Consider Resolution authorizing the providing for the calling of a bond election in the City of De Soto, Kansas, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City the question of issuing general obligation bonds of the City and for giving of notice of the bond election.

Greg Johnson provided an overview in a memo to the Council. The cost associated with a referendum election would be approximately \$3,800. A mail-in ballot is estimated at \$5,000 and has to go through an approval process from the Secretary of State's office. The question includes the issuance of general obligation bonds of the City in an amount not to exceed \$2,650,000. Mr. Johnson explained the contents of the proposed Resolution and also drafts of a "frequently asked questions" page and a financial analysis of the project for use by the public if a question is put forth to the voters.

Dotty Riley, the City's Bond Counsel, and Marty Nohe, the City's Financial Advisor, were present to answer questions. Mayor Anderson asked that if the resolution were approved tonight, when will it go before the voters. Mr. Johnson stated it would be on the April 6, 2004, election. Mr. Johnson stated some informational meetings should be held and he would also have a display at City Hall of the conceptual drawing and information.

Councilman Urbanek stated playing the "averages" game is what the school does when they have a bond election. Then, when the taxpayers get their taxes, it is always much higher than what was proposed. Councilman Urbanek stated he has a problem going to his voters and saying they are going to be paying 3.3 mills, but when he has calculated the numbers, he figures it is 4 mills and higher. He said the taxpayers should be told there will be over a 4 mill tax levy increase. Discussion on the calculation of the yearly tax levies.

Marty Nohe stated the interest is calculated on the first year being the construction stage. The statute that requires the additional information asks what the average debt service is. Dotty Riley stated that there could be additional language added to this notice to state that the average consists of mill levies ranging from a high to low rate. Discussion by Ms. Riley and Councilman Maniez on where the additional information will be printed. Discussion by Mr. Nohe on the reasonable expectation of the calculations proposed. The expected high is the 4.3 mill levy and the expected low is 2.5 mills.

Ms. Riley suggested that Footnote No. 1 language be added to state: The average estimated mill levy includes annual mill levy rates in any single year ranging from 2.5 mills to 4.34 mills.

Marty Nohe stated they have been fairly conservative on the interest rates. Mr. Johnson stated that if the idea of ranges is appealing, he suggested using the range on the operating budget of .11 mills to 1.6 mills from the financial analysis. The statute does provide that additional information can be added.

Discussion by Mayor Anderson on the information content. Discussion by Mr. Johnson on how the operating costs are reflected and the deficit amount is derived. Councilman Maniez stated he wants to know what the present operating deficit is. Mr. Johnson stated that all pools generally lose money. Councilman Maniez stated he feels the deficit amount average is confusing. Ms. Riley stated that it is anticipated that an additional mill levy will be necessary for operating costs.

Mayor Anderson allowed Darrel Zimmerman to comment from the audience. Mr. Zimmerman stated there is a possibility the pool may actually break even the first year or two since it is new and the overall operating costs will be less.

Mayor Anderson asked the Council to comment on the resolution that has been prepared.

Motion by Councilman Templin to adopt Resolution No. 680 with the additional language under the two footnotes, that Footnote No. 1 language be added to state: The average estimated mill levy includes annual mill levy rates in any single year ranging from 2.5 mills to 4.34 mills; and the second note: "that it is anticipated that the additional mill levy will be necessary to pay operating expenses associated with the pool. Second by Zindler.

Councilwoman Cannon stated she would like to see that all the information be shown on the ballot. Discussion by Ms. Riley that the additional information will be provided to the clerk for the publication. Discussion by Patrick Reavey on the publication of the Notice of Election.

Roll Call:	Cannon	Yes	Urbanek	Yes, with reservations
	Maniez	Yes	Zindler	Yes
	Templin	Yes		

Motion carried.

- e. Consider awarding contract for mowing and weed control applications. Mr. Johnson outlined the proposals for the City's mowing. The bids also include a weed control option. There are funds to do both the mowing and weed control. Tours of the City properties to be mowed have been done with Ron Creason and Jay Garvin and the bidders. Discussion by Councilwoman Cannon on the mowing of the right-of-ways on Lexington.

Bill Fletcher, S & F Mowing, stated his company mowed about 10 feet wide at the intersection. Mr. Fletcher reviewed the bids and pointed out the differences between the two bids. Discussion by Mayor Anderson on the improved right-of-ways for mowing. Councilman Maniez stated the quality of mowing by S & F has been exceptional. He stated he has reservations about a lower bidder because he has seen the quality of the mowing we have now and it is very good. Mayor Anderson stated when he first saw the park after this company took over the mowing, he was impressed because the mowing job was great.

Councilwoman Zindler stated she would like to have the other contractor come up and answer questions in order to be fair. Councilwoman Templin asked why staff did not make a recommendation on this. Discussion by Mr. Johnson. Discussion by Mr. Reavey that this is a service contract and the bidder should be given an opportunity to comment. Discussion with Jay Garvin, Parks Director. Discussion by Patrick Reavey and Jay Garvin. Mayor Anderson stated that he would like to know how the low bidder can do this mowing with a lesser piece of equipment than what the City was using to mow the right-of-ways. The second bidder will be contacted again and asked to respond.

Motion by Councilwoman Templin to table the consideration of the mowing and weed control applications to the February 19th Council meeting; second by Urbanek.

Roll Call:	Cannon	Yes	Urbanek	Yes
	Maniez	Yes	Zindler	Yes
	Templin	Yes		

Motion carried.

- f. Discuss City's review, pursuant to K-10 Overlay Regulations, of Hunt Midwest's application for conditional use permit. Patrick Reavey, City Attorney, requested Councilwoman Cannon recuse herself from the meeting pursuant to the City's Code of Ethics.

Councilman Maniez asked why Councilwoman Cannon could not stay in the meeting and listen. Mr. Reavey stated that the rules state that if you have a conflict of interest that you leave the room and do not listen to the discussion. Mr. Reavey stated this is written in the City's Code of Ethics.

Mr. Reavey provided a memo to the Council dated January 29, 2004, regarding the initial review comments sent with Council's approval to Johnson County. Once the County gives the City its recommendation on the Conditional Use Permit, the City will have three (3) days to respond. It will be up to staff to respond to the County due to the short response time. The County is still discussing the five-year versus the 10-year term and the Citizen Participation Requirement as outlined in the City's Zoning Regulations. Mr. Reavey has not received a report from the County as of this date. Based on communications with Mr. Palos, these are the two issues outstanding. Mr. Reavey is asking for Council direction on these two issues.

Councilman Urbanek stated the Citizen Participation Requirement has been talked about. He is willing to forego this issue. He would like to push for the five-year term but he feels there is better use of Patrick's time than to spend hours on this matter. He said he would the five-year term also.

Councilman Maniez said there was a lot of time spent on setting the regulations, and he would be willing to forego the Citizen Participation Requirement as long as they follow our regulations and abide by the five-year term.

Patrick Reavey stated that in talking with the County, Dean Palos has implied that if the County were to allow Hunt-Midwest a five-year term, then the next term would be an administrative review to ensure Hunt-Midwest is complying with the permit. Councilwoman Templin asked if this review would be made public for citizen comment. Mr. Reavey said he would have to review their report.

Councilwoman Zindler agreed with Councilman Maniez and would like the five-year term regulations followed; Councilwoman Templin agreed as long as the regulations were adhered to and there is some sort of administrative review for comment.

Mayor Anderson stated he will write the letter that the majority of the Council feels there is a strength in the five-year term and much consideration was given in writing these regulations. Discussion by Council. The five-year term is a firm commitment. Discussion by Mike Brungardt.

Councilwoman Cannon returned to the Council meeting at 10:22 p.m.

- g. Consider recommendation of selection committee for consultant to perform design services for Lexington Avenue reconstruction project. Mike Brungardt stated interviews had been conducted and the selection committee recommends the Council approve the HNTB Engineers. Mr. Brungardt said he is hoping for a quick turnaround on the design scope and fee negotiations.

Motion by Councilwoman Zindler that the Council adopt the recommendation to select HNTB Engineers and to further negotiate the scope and fee with MKEC Engineering Consultants in the event that a favorable arrangement cannot be negotiated with HNTB; second by Templin.

Roll Call:	Cannon	Yes	Urbanek	Yes
	Maniez	Yes	Zindler	Yes
	Templin	Yes		

Motion carried.

6. Advisory Reports:

- a. City Administrator, Greg Johnson, no report.

- b. City Attorney, Patrick Reavey, stated Clarence Brunk and he will be meeting with the law firm selected by the City's insurance carrier on the Clearview City lawsuit. Mr. Reavey has been working on the Time-Warner contract this is coming up for renewal. Mr. Reavey stated he received a call on an attorney-client legal issue. He would like to call an executive session.

Motion by Councilman Urbanek to go into executive session for an attorney-client matter for ten minutes at 10:29 p.m. and return at 10:39 p.m.; second by Templin.

All Council approved by "ayes".

Councilwoman Templin requested a 10-minute extension of time at 10:39 p.m.

Motion by Councilman Urbanek to return to regular session one minute early at 10:48 p.m. and only the attorney-client privilege mentioned was discussed and no votes were taken; second by Cannon.

All Council approved by "ayes".

- c. City Engineer, Mike Brungardt, provided Council with a schedule of the projects for Spring and Summer. He will be adding to this in the future. The Lexington Avenue road project will tentatively be on the next Council agenda. The City's website development is coming along well and Kim hopes to have a work in progress out on the internet this month. The main page is completed. Councilman Urbanek asked about the boat ramp project and if the City is going to be spending money on this. Mr. Brungardt stated the first step is to gain some consensus on what this area should look like and what the costs could be. Discussion by Councilwoman Templin and Councilwoman Zindler on obtaining information from the Corps of Engineers and the Friends of the Kaw. Mayor Anderson said he spoke with Mike Hayden and he is very supportive of this project and is willing to assist. There are many people who are interested in helping this project progress.
- d. City Clerk, Lana McPherson, said she has received calls asking about Spring Cleanup. She has talked with Jay Garvin and would like Council's consideration of an April 1st-7th cleanup week. Kim would like to put the Spring Cleanup date on the new website. Patrick Reavey stated he has talked with Larry and Danny about coordinating some code enforcement at that time so there would be a proper disposal of trash. Discussion by Councilman Urbanek on working with the high school students on assisting residents with some cleanup.

7. Council & Mayor Comments:

Councilwoman Templin had no comments.

Councilwoman Zindler asked about the water breaks on 83rd Street. Will the lines be replaced in future. Mike Brungardt stated there is a project slated to replace the older lines in the downtown area in 2005. He will be doing some prioritization on the replacement of lines. Councilman Urbanek asked if there is a record-keeping process of where leaks were and line breaks. Mr. Brungardt stated he is looking into some hand-held GPS systems so that lines and valves can be located and then downloaded in the City's computer system. Councilman Maniez stated the information needs to be in a central location and put on a computer server so that it is not lost or misplaced if, or when, key employees leave the City's employment.

Councilman Maniez stated he received a letter from Judith Schaefer, a volunteer for the Clothes Closet. She is handicapped and she brought to attention the door to the west entrance opens out and is not handicap accessible. He said there should be a plan for replacing doors in this building as some of them are old. The doors in the Senior Center also open out. Discussion by Mayor Anderson that there is an egress system because of fire codes. Councilman Maniez said the doors need to be replaced in the building and we should start with a couple at a time.

Councilman Urbanek said he wanted to compliment the Street Department on the snow removal process. He said he received several calls complimenting the Street Department's efforts. He commented on the potholes on the Wyandotte river bridge. He called Johnson County and they came and repaired the potholes. Councilman Urbanek stated he would like to have some good pool records that are kept on an accurate basis. He would like a pool manager to keep daily records on attendance and income.

Councilwoman Cannon stated the Olathe Daily News commented that Johnson County said De Soto was holding up their Comprehensive Plan. Discussion by Mike Brungardt that he hadn't seen the County's revised plan. Mayor Anderson said he read the article and it was poorly written. De Soto is not holding up the County. The County hasn't provided the information to us.

Mayor Anderson stated he would like to appoint Nancy Cook to the Park Board. Council approved the Mayor's appointment.

Councilwoman Cannon stated the two big piles of gravel at the north end of Kill Creek Road are creating a safety hazard due to limited sight. Councilman Urbanek asked about the grass being replaced by Southwestern Bell. Mike Brungardt stated they will have to excavate several inches to get all the gravel out to replace the grass.

Motion for adjournment by Councilman Maniez at 11:20 p.m.; second by Zindler.

All Council approved by "ayes".

Respectfully submitted:

Lana R. McPherson, CMC
City Clerk