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## City Administrator Report to Mayor & City Council

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### Report

1. Hershey II: This week should get this project fairly well wrapped up. See the notice below, sent to West 3rd residents, which sums up what will be going on this week. NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF WEST 3rd, ASH, AND CHERRY STREET AREA: Starting Monday, August 8, and going at least through Friday, August 12, 2011 (this week), Langman, Heuer, and Illowa will be working to restore the surface on West 3rd Street between Ash and Cherry. Please be alert to the "activity of the day" for determining whether or not you can get to your homes via 3rd Street. You have been very patient, and we appreciate it, but we ask for your understanding for this week of major disruption. Please stay clear of the construction activities during the hours between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (maybe 5:30). The planned activities are as follows: 1. Doing what we call "coring out" over the top of the pipe trench (this means removing excess gravel to create a space for the concrete and asphalt); 2. Place a concrete "cap" over the trench to the top of the existing brick paving; 3. Peel up the old asphalt on top of the bricks; 4. Finally, overlay from curb to curb with new asphalt. The asphalt will likely be placed on Friday. It will need several hours to cool and harden, but the street can be driven on later in the day (probably not until evening). So Green, Ash, and West 3rd are still NOT open to traffic. The residents below Ash can now get to their driveways, however. Denny Kistenmacher, City Project Manager.
2. Fire Department: Per Chief Ewers: We are going to have a necessary and expensive repair to the aerial tower. I'm waiting on a few more quotes. Looking to be around \$65,000 to \$ 70,000 to replace the four damaged sections on the waterway. This part of the aerial (the boom and ladder) is a Bronto, which is manufactured in Finland. Parts will come from Finland and will take 6 – 10 weeks to arrive. I'll get you more details as I find out more.
3. Goals: Fall is fast approaching. We'll need to be thinking about annual goals before we get started with the budget. We will be in touch to determine the best date for a separate evening or Saturday work session to discuss goals and objectives.
4. Residency Requirements: For next weeks Council meeting, we are looking to have a discussion regarding residency requirements for critical employees. Widening the area would increase the availability of well qualified staff for promotions. Our current residency policy is as follows: "All employees of the City must reside within the State of Iowa during their term of employment. All supervisory employees are designated as critical employees and must reside within Muscatine County within six (6) months of hire or promotion." Staff would like to discuss providing a radius around City Hall based on air miles in lieu of the current policy.

**"I remember Muscatine for its sunsets. I have never seen any on either side of the ocean that equaled them" — Mark Twain**