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City Administrator Report to Mayor & City Council

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REPORT:

1. Website: Good news! The City's text messaging services (website signup) are quite popular. We just received a notice that we have reached 405 of 500 SMS text message users. We may need to look at adding additional users shortly!
2. PD Radio System: We continue to have issues with the PD's new radio system through Motorola. Motorola is bringing in experts to review the issues. I have asked the Chief to put together a memo on the issues. Once I receive the memo, I will forward for your review.
3. CSO Extension: Staff has met with Stanley and conducted a conference call with the EPA on our 4-year CSO extension request with our last CSO. The EPA rep seemed amendable to our request given our CSO work to date (Which began back in 1969) and the length of the request. Stanley's is putting together a draft letter detailing the issues and need for the request, which we will be combined with our financing report. Once complete, we will submit the request to the EPA for consideration.
4. ATE: We received the ATE fines from GATSO this week in the amount of \$35,300. Net of GATSO's fee of 12,042, the City's revenue is \$23,258. The updated spreadsheet is included in the email.
5. MMGC: Attached are the year-to-date golf play numbers. Great numbers to date!
6. FD: Just a reminder that staff took the Aerial Ladder to Wisconsin this past Monday morning for the repairs that council approved last fall on the waterway and lift cylinders. It will be up there approximately three weeks. In the meantime, if an aerial device is needed we have mutual aid agreements with Wapello and Davenport.
7. Mad Creek: Please note that the 2nd street bridge at Mad Creek will be closed starting in July. General Constructors, Inc. plans to shut 2nd Street/Business 61 down beginning July 16th, 2012. Per last weeks schedule update, July 23rd was shown as the shut down, however July 16th will be the official beginning of the shutdown. It is scheduled to last 45 calendar days.
8. Firing Range: Improvements for the Police Department's firing range are expected to be completed by and the range open in July.
9. Carver Swim Center: I received word that new members on the school board may not be as open to ending the pool agreement. I have notified (earlier in the year) the school that we are no longer conducting programming at the Carver Swim Center and have transferred everything over to the aquatic center. Additionally, we notified them of our transition away from funding over the next four years (down to zero). I have offered to attend a school board session at such time as they would like to discuss the issue. The City may obtain a declaratory judgment that the contract is not perpetual, but obviously, we would prefer to work with the school.

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

10. Clearview: At present, the Clearview Mobile Home Court is going through a property dispute. The pre-annexation agreement is ready to proceed for installation of the sewer (and eventually water), but will be on hold until the August 25 resolution to the property dispute. Should a new owner enter the picture, we are back to square one with the agreement. IDNR has been notified of the delay on the property owner's part.
11. Mississippi Mist Pump Repairs: The Mist is currently not operating due to pump issues. Repairs were last made in 2010. We have worked with Carver Pump this time to identify the issues. Repairs are expected to cost around \$3000. Depending on funding availability, the mist will be repaired in June or early July.
12. Leadership Iowa: I have been asked to reapply for Leadership Iowa. However, please note the dates listed below. Attendance would require me to miss one CC meeting monthly from October through June. I'd like to hear whether this is a priority for CC members given the number of meetings I would be required to miss. Please let me know your thoughts.

Locations/Dates: Newton Fayette Oskaloosa Des Moines Council Bluffs
Carroll Muscatine Okoboji October 10-12, 2012 November 8-9, 2012
December 6-7, 2012 January 16-18, 2013 March 7-8, 2013 April 11-12,
2013 May 9-10, 2013 June 12-14, 2013