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## City Administrator Report to Mayor & City Council

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### REPORT:

- Goal Sessions:** City Staff met on September 10<sup>th</sup> to review the City's Core Values/Vision/Mission/Goals. The City Council work session will be held on **Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:15 to 8:30 pm.**
  - Please see the attached draft recommendations and samples from 4 other communities.
- PD Open House (Firing Range): Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at the MPW Generating Plant, Dick Drake Way.
- Crown Community Award: Attached is a copy of the submittal for the Crown Community Award related to GIS
- Fire Department: IEMSA Award nomination, tender \$10,000
- Golf: Please see the YTD numbers in the attached spreadsheet.
- Pool: For the 2012 season, total attendance was 43,810. As a comparison, here are the numbers for 2009-2011. 2009 - 33,462; 2010 - 38,338; 2011 - 41,620.
- ATE: The City received payment from GATSO in the amount of \$49,420.00. Net of the GATSO fee, City revenues are \$32,572.00. The updated summary is attached.
- Bi-State: The Public Officials Directory can be downloaded at the following website: [http://www.bistateonline.org/map\\_pub/pod.shtml](http://www.bistateonline.org/map_pub/pod.shtml). The meeting packet for the 9/26 meeting is attached for your review.
- Iowa League: Mayor Hopkins and I will be attending the annual Iowa League of Cities meeting in Sioux City starting next Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> and returning on Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>.
- ICMA: I will be attending the International City/County Management Annual conference which begins on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> and runs through the October 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Iowa League/Property Tax Committee: Please see the attached power point presentation that we handed out and reviewed last Friday at the committee meeting in Des Moines. This committee appears to be formed as a sounding board more than a committee to actually draft legislation. The next meeting will be held subsequent to the elections. I met with Mark Lofgren this week to review my notes and any opportunities we might have going into this legislative session (i.e. bundling a plan to include property tax and pension reform). We look forward to working together and would suggest that it may be beneficial to get a group of legislators together with the League's committee at their earliest convenience. Mark hopes to attend the League's upcoming session in Coralville (distributed earlier this week) in which the League will review a new financial tool for Cities. The League has met with the Legislative Service Bureau in an effort to ensure that everyone is on the same page as to the numbers/tool. I will keep you informed as I learn more.

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