

City of Seward, NE
Tuesday, July 19, 2016
Regular Session

Item G10

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT- Bruce Smith

Administrative Report: The City Council will receive an update on capital and other on-going projects.

Staff Contact:

CITY ADMINISTRATORS REPORT - 7-19-16

- Department head meetings as well as many individual meetings with employees, council members, and members of the public throughout the weeks.
- I enjoyed the 4th of July celebration.
- Attended the 7/5 Council Meeting.
- Had a safety committee meeting.
- Continue work on an agreement to do a site plan for the 30 acres the city owns at the industrial tract.
- Continuing discussions with Blue Stem on the wind turbine. They received the "DETERMINATION OF NO HAZARD TO AIR NAVIGATION" from the FAA for the proposed wind turbine.
- Met with Windstream and the E911 department concerning a new telephone system for the police that will work in conjunction with the phone at the new justice facility.
- Talked to Dept. of Roads and Upper Blue NRD about the trail project.
- The 2016-2017 Budget has consumed much of our time. Had several meetings with department heads during the last 2 weeks, and Bonnie and I work on the budget every day.

The departments are working on the following projects to name a few:

- All departments worked very hard on the 4th of July celebration and the City was cleaned up and back to normal early on the 5th.
- Concrete removal and replacement.
- Sweeping streets.
- Tree removals from the storm.
- Attended tree board meeting.
- Baled cardboard at recycling center.
- Spraying for mosquitos.
- Working with Schmader Electric on the Roberts Street Project.
- Removed streamers on Seward Street.
- Had contractor repair a leak on the transformer at Tenneco.
- Change out transformer at 11th and Seward Street.
- Install ground grid for overhead switch on Elm Street.
- Bored the service line to Weller Hall at Concordia.
- Advertising for 2 new police officers.
- Meeting with Crime Commission on juvenile arrests
- Seward County Justice Center inspections.
- CU - Ruth Dormitory remodel inspections.
- Right-of-way permit reviews.
- Golf Leagues continue.
- Repaired the well at the golf course. The new well is pumping 513 gpm compared to 290 gpm prior to the rebuild.
- Had Junior Legion Districts here.
- Prepared the disk golf course in preparation for the Cornhusker State Games competition being held on June 16.
- Putting in a new batting cage on West Field.
- Had vandalism in rest room at Centennial Park.
- Summer concerts at the Band Shell continue on Sunday's at 7 p.m.
- Continue work on the new dog park.
- Repaired the pool pump.

- Summer programs and summer hours are in effect at the Library.
- Had NET at the library on 7-13 to film the unveiling of the S150 painting for Seward County to be part of a documentary they are doing for Nebraska's S150 celebration.
- Jetting sewers.
- PLC board replacement at UV Light building
- General maintenance of all facilities, doing lots of utility locates.
- Working on NMPP Rate update information for budget.
- Working on wage and benefit survey.
- Working on 2016-17 budgets.
- The Clerk's office continues to fulfill Open Records Requests from a former employee. So far there have been 5 requests from this person.
- Departments are busy with locates for companies digging in our right of way.