



## **Administrator's Report 06/08/2026**

**The baseball and softball score boards were vandalized** recently as someone removed the copper ground wires. Staff have worked to make repairs and get them back up and running. The good news is that Parks and Public works crews have been finishing the install of the new large scoreboard that was donated by the Webb City School District. The board is now up and running and is a great addition to the Major Little League Field.

**The FY25/26 paving plan is completed.** Staff will be focusing on striping and clean up of some areas. Route 66 Emblems have been replaced along the Route 66 corridor. We anticipate a possible return of pavers in the fall as we may have a couple additional locations to pave if approved in the future by council. Two additional items will be presented to council for approval prior to any work being completed.

**The Parks Department was forced to close the bathrooms at the Splash Pad** for a few days last week. Fortunately, the weather was not conducive for water activities anyway at the time. We discovered a water leak issue that had been getting continually worse and repairs ended up requiring some walls to be removed but the work is complete now and all is back to operational status.

**MODOT has initiated a futures study to look at two possible future projects.** They are asking for stakeholder input and conducting meetings with area municipal and government organizations. The study is looking at advantages and disadvantages to the Joplin West Bypass project vs the Interstate upgrade to the current Mo249 and 171 corridor. Webb City staff presented to the planning committee on Tuesday at the Joplin Public Library. Each of you should have received a copy of our responses to the survey. We believe the west bypass is certainly a valuable addition to the continued growth of the Joplin Regional Area but we expressed our desire to see the interstate status of 249 and 171 be constructed prior to the west bypass. Economic growth along this corridor would be made possible with interstate designation and also we believe that safety would be enhanced by removing the Interstate 49 traffic off of Interstate 44 as is currently being done. The 171 249 corridor already exists and the only land acquisition would be improvements at the Carthage interchange to achieve continuous traffic as is needed for interstate designation. The West Bypass is decades from any possible actual construction and today's dollars we believe would be better spent on a project that would show immediate growth and safety improvements.

**Staff held our monthly meeting with members of the Farmers Market last week.** A couple minor issues were discussed but the main topic was the idea that they are working on a possible market location downtown. We are certainly working to assist with this idea which could bring a small food sales location for the Market downtown. Will keep the council posted as developments move forward.

**Our new part-time employee has settled into her new position. The Senior Center is moving forward with many of the same programs** in the past and adding some additional. Staff have attended their board meetings and will be working on a few building improvements they have discussed. A new foot care clinic will be starting this week that the Advisory Board will be supplementing some of the cost for participants. The meal program is still going strong with over 180 lunches served last week.

**Water department staff have been busy replacing defective or nonfunctioning water meters.** City staff have been notified that some changes are coming regarding future water meter installs and some decisions will need to be made soon. Technology regarding the tap readers is being replaced in the industry with radio reads that will likely force the city to migrate to all radio reads within our system. Currently we have around 800 radio reads installed but this software change will likely require us to purchase an additional 4000 plus radio adapters for our system. This cost could be spread out between wastewater and water departments over the next couple years; **estimates are it will require an additional \$800,000 investment in our current hardware.**

**The Cardinal Tower renovation project is moving forward. Meetings and discussions are currently on-going regarding project scope and funding.** The city will be asked to approve a resolution that will indicate approval of the project soon and then at a later date council will be given the entire plan for approval. Not sure as of yet if will make the 060826 agenda.

**On June 1, the Webb City Police Department launched a two-month Career Enhancement Program within the Investigations Division.** Six Patrol Officers participated in a competitive selection process that included a written examination, scenario-based evaluations, and an oral board interview. Patrol Sergeant Brad Brown was selected as the first participant in this new program.

The Investigations Career Enhancement Program provides selected officers with the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in investigative procedures and develop critical skills under the mentorship of our two experienced Detectives. This initiative is designed to strengthen professional development within the department while enhancing our overall investigative capabilities.