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MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT

OCTOBER 2019

Dear City Council and Citizens,

Over the last two years we have had significant conversations about the future of our municipally owned utilities under the Independence for All goal of financial sustainability through optimized resources. The residents of Independence are served by three municipally owned utility services - water, water pollution control and electricity. By completing cost of service studies, analyzing daily tasks and optimizing our resources we can better understand the impact these three departments have as they meet their respective charges of keeping our citizens safe with clean drinking water, protecting our environment by properly cleaning storm and wastewater, and keeping the power on. Each of them has been recognized for excellence in their own fields but there is always opportunity for improvement.

The Council took steps beginning last fall to implement a six percent reduction in electric rates which have now all been incorporated into our customer bills. The Council is now reviewing updates to our electric rate structures which will see us reduce from the current 22+ categories down below 10.

Over the next few months more conversations will take place about the future of the Blue Valley Power Plant. On page 2 of this report we have outlined the upcoming Public Utility Advisory Board meetings which are open to the public. We encourage citizens to attend or watch these meetings on City7, as well as the Council meetings on Monday nights. We value your feedback and participation as we look toward the future of our City.

Sincerely,

Zach Walker
City Manager
City of Independence

IMPORTANT DATES IN OCTOBER

OCTOBER 3 - PUAB SPECIAL/ WORKSHOP MEETING
2:30 PM at the Independence Utilities Center, 17221 E 23rd St. S.

OCTOBER 3 - ADVISORY BOARD OF HEALTH
5:30 PM in the Truman Memorial Building

OCTOBER 7 - CITY COUNCIL MEETING
The Council will meet for a Council Meeting at 6 PM in the Chamber of City Hall, 111 E. Maple Ave.

OCTOBER 8 - PLANNING COMMISSION
6 PM in the Council Chambers in City Hall.

OCTOBER 14 - COUNCIL STUDY SESSION
The Council will meet for a regularly scheduled study session at 6 PM in the Chamber of City Hall, 111 E. Maple Ave.

OCTOBER 17 - PUAB MEETING
2:30 PM at the Independence Utilities Center, 17221 E 23rd St. S.

OCTOBER 17 - BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
6:30 PM in the Council Chambers in City Hall.

OCTOBER 21 - CITY COUNCIL MEETING
The Council will meet for a regularly scheduled Council Meeting at 6 PM in the Chamber of City Hall, 111 E. Maple Ave.

OCTOBER 22 - PLANNING COMMISSION
6 PM in Council Chambers in City Hall.

OCTOBER 28 - COUNCIL STUDY SESSION
The Council will meet for a regularly scheduled study session at 6 PM in the Chamber of City Hall, 111 E. Maple Ave.

LOOKING FOR MORE MEETINGS OR EVENTS?
You can find a variety of events, programs and classes on the City's website at indep.us/events or on Facebook at facebook.com/CityOfIndependence.

AUGUST BY THE NUMBERS

SALES TAX RECEIPTS THRU AUGUST 2019	
FUND	2020 FY YTD
General	$1,716,375
Streets	$864,244
Parks	$432,138
Storm	$432,138
Police	$216,081
Fire	$216,100
Total	$3,877,076

BUILDING PERMITS	Month	Year-to-date	Aug. 2019 Valuation	Year-to-date
Residential	Permits | Units	Permits | Units		
Single Family	11	65	$2,772,811	$13,629,389
Duplex Units	10	14	$1,614,000	$2,258,000
3&4 Family	0	0	$0	$0
Apartments	0 | 0	5 | 280	$0	$36,596,000
Additions, Alterations, Misc. *	113	613	$1,302,875	$6,768,960
Subtotal Residential	134	697	$5,689,686	$59,252,349
Commercial				
New Commercial Building	0	10	0	$11,054,078
Additions, alterations, tenant finish	9	60	$2,189,999	$17,851,788
Signs, Misc. **	44	270	$1,723,598	$4,226,031
Subtotal Commercial	53	340	$3,913,597	$33,131,897
Totals	187	1,037	$9,603,283	$92,384,246

* Includes re-roofs, pools, detached accessory buildings, demolitions and structural modifications such as decks, remodels and room or garage additions.
** Includes fuel storage, fire alarm, fire sprinkler, hood suppression, tent, cell tower and fences.

BUSINESS LICENSING	Aug. 2019	Year-to-date
New applications received	123	1,046
Renewals	743	3,785
Total applications	866	4,831
Payments received	$185,498.60	$1,390,246.94

AUGUST 2019 BY THE NUMBERS

Police responded to 8,112 calls for service, including 1,182 traffic stops and 648 suspicious person calls

Fire responded to 1,990 service calls
10 of which were structure fires

1,163 emergency medical calls

871.5 million gallons of water pumped to customers which equals 14 billion 8 oz glasses of water

242 million gallons of wastewater treated which equals 151 million flushes

110,481,000 kWhs of electricity provided to customers which would be equivalent to using 177,109,866 - 60 watt light bulbs for the month

2,781 visitors to Historic Sites and National Frontier Trails Museum

6,531 visitors to the Sllverstein Eye Centers Arena

26,500 visitors to the Uptown Market (due to SantaCaliGon)

Crews filled 392 potholes

Crews completed 99.7 linear miles of street striping

The Animal Shelter took in 246 animals in August

77 animals were adopted and 53 were returned to their owners

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Notable Projects Submitted during August

E. Edwards Work Wear submitted construction plans to renovate the 6,400 square-foot space at 3520 S. Noland Road.

Responders Grill submitted construction plans to renovate the 6,040 square-foot space at 2411 S. M-291 Highway, Suite J.

Cornell Roofing & Sheet Metal submitted construction plans to renovate the 10,100 square-foot space at 901 S. Northern Blvd.

Notable Projects Issued during August

Farmhouse KC Event Center has been issued a building permit to construct a 6,000 square-foot event space at 17221 E. 32nd Street.

KC Baby Back Ribs has been issued a building permit to renovate the 2,400 square-foot space at 305 N. M-291 Highway.

Notable Projects finished during August

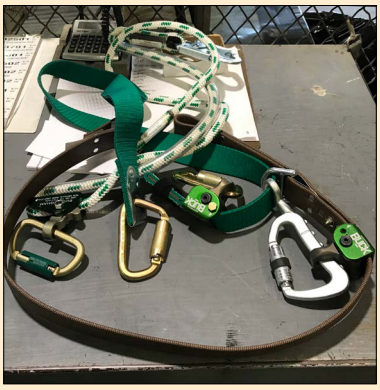
Centerpoint Medical Center completed their 25,000 square-foot phase 2 addition to the ICU, Rehab Unit and bed expansion at 19600 E. 39th Street.

Midwest Genealogy Center completed their 14,420 square-foot addition located at 3440 S. Lee's Summit Road.

Blue Industrial Insulators completed their 2,400 square-foot addition located at 1100 S. Yuma.

Caduceus USA completed the renovation of the 4,223 square-foot building located at 17020 E. US 40 Highway, Suite 5.

POWER & LIGHT



The City of Independence Power & Light Department recently completed a significant investment in the safety of their employees by providing state of the art fall restraint systems to each of its line personnel and then training them on its proper use. Traditionally our linemen climb electrical poles with heavy steel gaffs or spikes attached to their feet. These new safety harnesses will stop a lineman from falling to the ground should the gaffs slip and come out of the pole accidentally, avoiding a potentially serious and costly injury.

Since all of this fall protection gear adds weight to a lineman while climbing, it's important that utilities train their field crews on best practices. It can be cumbersome for linemen to climb with double pelican hooks, secondary lanyard , fall arrestors and other equipment. This field safety harness training was recently completed at the newly constructed Blue Valley Linemen Training Facility.

This fall arrest equipment and subsequent training brings our crews up to the industry standard and helps us meet our mission to get our linemen home safely to their families each night by striving to eradicate workplace falls from elevated work positions on transmission and distribution structures.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Here are some of the most significant events that occurred in August 2019.

On August 1, officers were called to a motel on US 24 Hwy and located a subject on the floor not breathing and without a heartbeat. One of the officers performed CPR and was able to revive the person and the other officer cleared a path for AMR and assisted. The subject was transported to an area hospital and was expected to survive.

On August 3, officers were called to a shooting at a residence in the 900 block of W. Maple Ave. Two persons were shot during a disturbance at the home. None of the victims' injuries were considered life-threatening. No suspects were taken into custody. The case is still an open investigation.

On August 4, traffic officers investigated a fatal crash involving a motorcycle and an SUV that occurred on Main Street, just north of 23rd Street, that resulted in the death of the motorcyclist. The crash occurred when the driver of the motorcycle, traveling south on Main, made a left turn driving into the path of a northbound Chevrolet Tahoe. The motorcyclist was transported to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. The driver of the Tahoe was not injured.

On August 4, traffic officers investigated a fatal crash involving a bicycle and an SUV that occurred on College Street, at Emery Street, that resulted in the death of the bicyclist. The crash occurred when a bicyclist, traveling south on Emery Street, failed to stop for a stop sign and rode into the path of a 2004 Jeep Cherokee that was traveling west on College. The bicyclist was transported to a local hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. The

driver of the Jeep was not injured.

On August 11, traffic officers began investigating a fatal hit and run crash that killed a 30 year old female at US 24 Hwy and Kiger Road. The crash occurred when an unknown vehicle left the roadway and struck the pedestrian as she was walking along the shoulder. The driver and vehicle immediately fled the scene and the pedestrian was pronounced dead. This is still an open investigation.

On August 12, IPD officers responded to a home in the 1900 block of S. Devonshire Place on a call for a well-being check. They located two deceased adult males inside the residence. This is still an open investigation.

On August 26, officers responded to a "Nature Unknown" call at a residence in the 9500 block of E. 14th Street. Upon their arrival, they located a deceased adult inside the home. This incident was investigated as a homicide and a suspect was taken into custody at the scene. The next day, the suspect was charged with Murder 1st Degree and Armed Criminal Action by the Jackson County Prosecutor.

On August 31, the Lee's Summit Police Department's bomb squad assisted us on a suspicious device that was located in a vehicle near the intersection of Truman Road at Winner Road. Nearby residences were evacuated and others were asked to remain inside and stay away from windows for their safety. The device was safely removed and there were no injuries from the incident. Earlier that day, a pedestrian was struck and killed after she got out of a vehicle that was parked on the shoulder and walked onto I-70, near Noland Road.

Learn more about the Independence Police Department including activities, programs and events on Facebook at Facebook.com/ipdinfo.

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