



September 9, 2016

Mayor Donald D. Lyons  
City Council Members

Dear Mayor Lyons and City Council Members:

Next meeting: Council Meeting 9/12, 7 PM

The following report has been prepared to provide you with an update on current issues or projects in progress:

### **Commercial Street**

- The contractor has completed the majority of the curb and gutter on Commercial Street, they are waiting for Frontier Communications to finish up their relocations on the south side of the street, from the library to the west. The rest of this curb should be placed by the end of next week.
- The contractor will begin street light foundations over the next week.
- Block is being placed at the Goerlich wall site, with work at the Post Office wall to follow.
- The contractor has started curb and sidewalk removal along Division Street, and has started removals on the parking lots adjacent to Division Street.
- The Pennsylvania Avenue approach (south side) is closed for removals and storm sewer work. They plan to have removals and storm drains complete there by Thursday.
- The contractor plans to have all storm sewer work completed by the end of next week.
- The project is currently on schedule.

### **Airport Terminal Building**

Plumbing and HVAC installation has begun and framing is nearly complete.

Work continues  
to be on schedule.

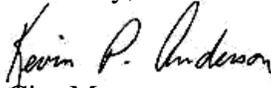


## Trees

This week I received a question about the City makes tree removal decisions for trees in the street right of ways. We are fortunate to have mature trees on virtually every City block that were planted several generations ago and each year the Department of Public Services monitors the health and stability of these trees. Staff then updates a list of trees to be removed immediately, trees that need to be trimmed, and trees that are showing signs of decay that need to be watched for future removal. For instance, on Oak Street 8 trees have been removed since 2010, 1 tree was removed in 2016, and 2 trees are being monitored annually.

Typical the city removes about 25-30 trees from the right of way each year. Over the past decade over 200 dead or dying trees have been removed. By policy, every time a tree is removed and new one is planted so that the beautiful streetscapes continue for generations to come.

Sincerely,

  
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City Manager