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To: **Mayor and City Council** **Date:** **April 28, 2016**

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Re: **April 2016 Update**

Description: Report

- Working with Public Works whenever necessary.
- Working with the Community Development Department to review building construction, rezoning requests, site plan review, and citizen requests. We have the plan of improvements submitted for revised R&S Addition north of Industrial Avenue and Heritage Green 12th Addition.
- Construction is underway on the Dell Ridge Phase II plat and Heritage Green 12th Addition.
- Construction has continued on the 2015 Sewer and Water Extension project to the newly annexed area. Ricklefs Excavating has now installed most all the pressure line and the water main extension. Partial payment number 2 on the Council agenda has the contract at approximately 60% complete. The completion date of the entire project is still anticipated for late summer 2016.
- The Industrial Avenue RISE project with Horsfield Construction Inc. from Epworth Iowa is approximately 80% complete. Partial payment #3 on the Council agenda pays all of the street paving that was completed last week. The remaining work includes driveways, sidewalks, and seeding and restoration. The contractor intends to be fully complete by early June.
- Shive Hattery Engineers and Architects have prepared the bid package for Phase I of the NCPR/Emmons/Robins Road Intersection that also includes the construction of Oak Street. This project was awarded to Ricklefs Excavating of Anamosa with construction to start in late May.

  The steering committee is now reviewing the Phase II final plans for the new street paving, street lights, and traffic signals. The proposed schedule is to prepare final plans in early June with a bidding date of June 28th. The Council can then approve a contract at the first meeting in July. The major issue the committee is reviewing is the construction schedule for Phase II

between the 2016 and 2017 construction season. We want to get a start on the project but provide the best staging and completion in December to allow for traffic use during the winter months. The next steering committee meeting is scheduled for May 19.

- We are working with the CN railroad on 2 projects. They want to replace the Robins Road railroad crossing this year with a new rubberized crossing. This of course is a cost to the City for a project we had not considered this calendar year.

  The other project is a lease agreement with the railroad property between Blair's Ferry Road and Emmons Street. This is the area we repaired last year with new grading, rip rap, and block wall. The agreement allows us to keep the sidewalk, benches, trash receptacles, and plantings on the railroad property for the next 10 years.

I'm sure there are some items missed. If you have any questions, please feel free to let me know.