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Subject: City Council Update

One and a half or two years ago I asked Bill Strecker and Chris Gander at BOSC to begin looking for the right time to consolidate our revenue bonds. They continued to do just that. Chris very recently has seen an that opportunity, developed a rough plan, and worked with John M. Williams and Allen Brooks for over six hours last Saturday to refine that plan. The plan was revealed to me last Wednesday. Essentially we would consolidate our revenue bonds into two issues that would lower our rate by 2.25%, shorten our term by 8.5 years, save us a modest \$16,000 per year in cash flow necessary for debt service, and save us over \$2,900,000 in interest costs over the remaining term of the indebtedness. Next Tuesday evening John M. Williams, Allen Brooks, Bill Strecker, Chris Gander, and possibly others will be present at the study session to introduce this plan to you. Later in both the YMA meeting and the City Council meeting you are being asked to authorize them to move forward with next steps in anticipation of consummating the first of two deals on March 3rd. No new money is considered in this package.

Under both the YMA agenda and the City Council agenda you will be asked to consider authorizing next steps as discussed above as the first action items.

You are being asked to consider six actions items related to expenditure of funds. The first, in the amount of \$35,541.00, is to burst 330 linear feet of sewer line from 705 to 725 Mabel Fry. The line has several issues. We have been maintaining this line every day or two for the last two weeks until we could get it on the agenda.

The second expenditure of funds, in the amount of \$42,293.50, for the repair of Elm Street between 4th and 5th. We overlaid this area several times. The buildup over time has caused us to no longer be able hold the edge. It is crumbling away and causing safety issues at both the bank and the Methodist Church. On a side note, it was great to see Rev. Bob at the community coffee this morning.

The third expenditure of funds is for road repair as well. We are asking for your authorization to repair two problem areas on Garth Brooks at the interstate ramps north and south of the interstate. We have been nursing these two areas along for the last 18 months while awaiting the completion of the interstate project. It is now truly time to repair the road.

The fourth expenditure action item is your consideration of approving an engineering contract with Lee Engineering for the Main Street Lighting Plan Analysis to include preparation of plans, specifications and engineering estimates. The cost of the contract is \$80,600.00. This money was budgeted for in the Capital Improvement Fund for our Main Street Revitalization Project.

The fifth item for you to consider an expenditure of funds is to authorize the submission of a grant application to the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management in order to receive a Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$15,000. The grant is a 50/50 grant with our contribution being at least \$15,000. It is stated "at least" because we don't know what all they will count as in-kind contribution, but we must be ready to make the total contribution in cash.

The sixth and final action item regarding an expenditure funds is to approve the \$180,000 contribution to the COWRA test well drilling program as committed to in Resolution 2014-21.

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