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City Administrator's Report

January 15, 2026

Personnel Updates

Over the past two weeks, several new employees have joined the city team:

- Jamie Nix II, IT/GIS Technician - Administration Department
- Jeremy Couch, Parks Maintenance Worker I - Parks & Recreation Department
- Jennifer Hudson, Police Officer - Police Department
- Jason Kaut III, Streets Maintenance Worker I - Public Works Department
- Eli Knorr, Streets Maintenance Worker I - Public Works Department

An offer has been extended for the open Recreation Coordinator Position. Second round interviews for the Finance Analyst position have been conducted this week. Recruitment continues for three Police Officer vacancies and the Wastewater Plant Operator position.

The 2026 Budget included the addition of a Parks and Facilities Manager. Recruitment for this position has begun.

Short Term Rental Ordinance and FIFA World Cup

The recently enacted Short Term Rental Ordinance includes several limitations related to the density of potential rentals. Primarily, there is a limitation of one unit per block (both sides of a street from intersection to intersection) and a limitation for apartments as well. There are also various provisions concerning the safety requirements required for such permits.

With the upcoming influx of visitors to the region with the FIFA World Cup games, other communities have reviewed their short-term rental policies and have made changes or enacted moratoria on certain provisions, particularly relating to density and total number of units allowed. The primary changes by most jurisdictions has been to issue a moratorium on the number and density of units from May 1 to July 31, 2026.

Late last year, the Planning Commission discussed potential temporary changes to mirror actions by other communities. The Commission recommended any such

changes be addressed by the Board of Aldermen since it would be a temporary scenario.

If the Board wishes to enact changes, it is recommended that those changes be enacted soon so potential owners can begin the application process and get their units listed on the various advertising platforms in advance of the games.

Senior Center - 2025 Update

Through the efforts of the Senior Services Coordinator and Senior Services Assistant, along with the ongoing support of the volunteer Senior Center Board and dedicated community volunteers, 2025 goals program and participation goals were exceeded in a banner year of growth.

- Meal service was up 13%: 4,306 congregate meals were served compared to 3,809 in 2024.
- The number of unduplicated clients served was up 186%: 218 as compared to 76 in 2024.
- The number of programs offered was up 532%: 474 as compared to an estimated 75 in 2024.
- The total number of visits (duplicated) was up 68%: 8,393 compared to 5,003 in 2024.

As you will recall, in February 2025, service hours were expanded to five days a week, adding Tuesdays and Thursdays to the schedule. Opening Tuesdays and Thursdays allowed for expansion of popular programs such as the fitness classes Tai Chi for Arthritis and Mindful Movement, and the hands-on culinary classes Cooking Matters and Using Your Air Fryer. Other new offerings included the Grief & Transitions support group, the Learn to Crochet group, educational speakers, and drawing and painting classes.

Holiday Schedule and Upcoming Meeting Schedule

City Hall will be closed Monday in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday.

The February 17, 2026 meeting falls during the MML annual Legislative Conference. It is anticipated that there will not be a quorum for this meeting, so Mayor Boley has cancelled that meeting.

Mayor Boley will be attending the National League of Cities Congress of Cities Conference in March, creating a conflict for the March 17 meeting. He has recommended moving that meeting to the following week, Tuesday March 24.

The September 15, 2026 meeting falls during the MML annual conference and has also been cancelled by the Mayor. This meeting will likely be rescheduled later in the month pending receipt of property tax assessed valuation information from Clay and Platte Counties in order to set the tax rate for the coming year.

Finally, the November 3, 2026 meeting has been cancelled as it falls on Election Day.