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Manager's Memo

March 15, 2019

To: Mayor and Council
From: Lon Pluckhahn, City Manager 
Re: Upcoming Items for March 19, 2019

General Information:

Last Friday I was able to attend the Main Street Iowa awards ceremony with a delegation from the Chamber and Uptown Marion Main Street. Marion received three awards, including volunteer of the year (Scott Swenson-Small Business Development Center), \$20 million investment award, and the Best Fundraiser award. Best Fundraiser was awarded for the Veteran's Banner program, a fitting kickoff to the next stage of it that rolled out this week.

The parks department closed down Thomas Park in response to flooding along Indian Creek, and also closed the Boyson Trail. Unfortunately this has become a more common event in recent years. Once the water recedes the staff will be able to determine the scope of damage to the trail and then start getting it ready for the spring season. Development plans for the CeMar Trail extension through Thomas call for that section to be upgraded to a paved trail, which will make it more resistant to damage in the future. This is a requirement of the federal dollars associated with that project.

Next week the Iowa Municipal Manager's Institute will be held in Iowa City. I will be attending, as will several members of my staff. I will be there for the council work session on Tuesday and have arrangements made for an acting city manager in my absence. There are not a lot of items regarding my office on this agenda, but if you have any items of special concern let me know.

Advertising and direct outreach have started on the compensation study request for qualifications. Several firms that provide these types of services will receive direct notification in addition to our normal distribution and electronic outreach. As this is a priority project of the council we intend to keep it moving with all due speed.



City Manager Approved Contracts:

- Anderson Bogert – 14th Street Reconstruction Project - \$6,500.00
 - 14th Street between 17th Avenue and 12th Avenue. Project consists of a survey of Right-of-Way and adjoining property lines along 14th Street.