

## **Special City Council Meeting, Tuesday, August 30**

The purpose of this special meeting was to review and approve changes made to the initial budget because of discussions at previous budget review meetings and new circumstances. There were very few items to discuss. The meeting was very brief – less than 10 minutes.

One of these items was increasing the amount to be paid to the North Kansas City Business Council for its contract for services with the City from \$30,000 to \$35,000.

Police Chief Freeman requested an additional amount of \$15,000 to enable 5 officers to go to Washington, DC next Spring for an event where Office Vasquez will be honored.

An amount of \$2.5 million was added for construction of the River Forest Park, utilizing the Gaming Fund.

City Administrator Mike Nichols assured the City Council that even though budgeted revenue sources for the 2022-23 fiscal year budget are less than the budgeted expenses, the expected fund balances at the end of the year will still be at a safe level. Further, he said that some of the larger capital items will not likely be completed during the year, with the likely reality that the full amount budgeted will not be spent.

One more step is needed to complete the budget preparation process. That is to review and approve the funds that will be available from Clay County based on the latest property valuations. That information will not be received until sometime in September, hopefully in time for the September 20 City Council meeting. If not available then, there will be a very brief special meeting prior to final approval of the 2022-23 fiscal year budget effective October 1.