



March 9, 2007

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Mari E. Macomber, City Manager *MEM*

SUBJECT: Study Session – **March 14, 2007**

The City Council will convene in Study Session immediately following an Executive Session to be held at 4:30 p.m. Both the Executive Session and Study Session will convene in the second floor Conference Room of City Hall on Wednesday, March 14, 2007. The following are the agenda items for this meeting.

- 1. MACC UPDATE**
- 2. DOWNTOWN PROJECTS**
- 3. REVIEW NEWSLETTER – March 9, 2007**

**1. MACC UPDATE**

Moberly Area Community College (MACC) located in Moberly, Missouri is responsible for providing two-year certificate and degree programs through the State of Missouri Junior College program. Current enrollment for all campuses is approximately 3000. MACC offers day and evening classes, on-campus, off-campus, and dual credit in the area high schools; as well as a variety of support services. MACC places tremendous emphasis on low student-teacher ratios, and individualized attention.

MACC opened the doors of its Kirksville Higher Education Center facility in January 2002. The 28,000 square foot, state of the art building offers many opportunities for students in northeast Missouri. The courses and facilities it provides will help to serve an even broader student body.

Programs offered through the Kirksville campus include:

- AA Transfer Degree
- AAS Early Childhood

AAS Computer Information Systems  
AAS Drafting Design Technology  
AAS Graphic Arts

All two-year degree and one-year certificate programs are approved by the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education. Specific programs within the College are approved by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Division of Vocational and Adult Education), the Missouri State Board of Nursing, and the Missouri Department of Public Safety. MACC also offers courses and programs approved by the American Institute of Banking, the Missouri Department of Social Services and the American Management Association.

Moberly Area Community College is an active member of the Missouri Community College Association, the Council of North Central Two-Year Colleges and the American Association of Community Colleges.

Dr. Evelyn E. Jorgenson, President of MACC, and Artie Fowler, the Kirksville Center Director will be present to speak with the Council about MACC's success in Kirksville, their future plans, and any areas that they may need assistance from, or want to partner with the City as they move forward.

**Recommendation:** This is an opportunity for the City Council to visit with Dr. Jorgenson about MACC's progress and future plans. It is also a time to learn about the role that Kirksville could help play in their continued success.

## 2. DOWNTOWN PROJECTS

The construction season will be a busy time for the downtown area of our community. There are two significant projects planned that will affect the downtown operations. The first is the Franklin Street corridor improvement project which will consist of new sidewalks, lighting and a bike path along the east side of Franklin Street from Normal to Washington. The second project will be the replacement of water mains throughout the downtown area.

Both projects have the potential to slow down traffic in and around the downtown area. It is important that we work to make sure that all City officials and those companies we hire to represent us and work on these projects are mindful of the impact these construction projects will have on the downtown businesses.

We want to spend a little bit of time on Wednesday outlining the timelines of both projects and our plans for insuring as smooth a process as possible while minimizing the day-to-day business operations.

We will also want to spend a little bit of time discussing our ideas for Jefferson Street, as we begin to plan for the future design work of this street.

Included in your packet are the drawings for both the Franklin Street project and the downtown water main projects.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the City Council discuss staff's proposed plans to inform business owners of the upcoming construction plans and downtown construction schedule.

### **3. REVIEW NEWSLETTER – - March 9, 2007**

#### **Attachments**

- Downtown Project Map
- Franklin Street Project
- Downtown Water Line
- Jefferson Street Project



# KIRKSVILLE DOWNTOWN PROJECT SUMMARY







