**Message from Your Mayor**

It is an honor and a privilege to be reelected to a fourth term as Mayor. Thank you for, once again, sending the message you want to see our positive, proactive approach continue. I look forward to the new year as we work on infrastructure, address challenges with construction of our fire station, enhance early childhood education and improve recreation. I recognize and appreciate all who are passionate in working to face these challenges; their efforts will be felt in years to come. If you have suggestions or want to get involved please, e-mail me: David.Krutzfeldt@oskaloosaiowa.org.

**Oskaloosa Progress & Accomplishments in 2015**

- **South 11th Pavement Rehabilitation Project**
  - Completed June 2015

- **E Avenue East and North 12th Street Reconstruction Project**

- **B Avenue East at 3rd Street**

- **3rd Avenue East at Market Street**

- **Grant Neighborhood Park**

- **Edmundson Park Sidewalks**

**Saving a Building**

May 2015 fire destroyed the former Swim’s building.

Following a May 2015 fire which destroyed the McMillen building in the Evans Block of downtown Oskaloosa, the City has agreed to provide $500,000 in the form of a grant using Tax Increment Financing Revenue Funds for the reconstruction of the former Swim’s building to the Oskaloosa Downtown Development Group (ODD). The pictured facade drawing received Historic Preservation Commission approval in 2015; a summer 2016 completion date is anticipated.

**How $1 of Property Tax is Divided in Oskaloosa**

- **IHCC:** $0.0264
- **State of Iowa:** $0.0001
- **Oskaloosa School District:** $0.4205
- **City of Oskaloosa:** $0.3859
- **Mahaska County:** $0.1671

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**OSKALOAZA FIRE STATION CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

The redesigned project will be rebid on February 9, 2016. Construction is anticipated to start in the Spring if weather cooperates. Changes to the project design do not affect the service the public receives from our team. The changes in the plan include the elimination of the third floor renovation to the community/training room, deletion of an elevator to access the third floor, a more modest renovation of the second floor living quarters, a change to the building roof line from “hip/gabled” to “shed/sloped” and the potential reduction of a fourth bay used for maintenance of equipment.

**ADDITIONAL NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2015**

- Moody’s reaffirmed the City’s Aa3 bond rating
- 34 demolition permits, 14 new housing permits issued
- Housing Action Plan presented and approved
- Active Transportation Plan outlining projects and priorities for bike and pedestrian improvements adopted
- Sanitary sewer system smoke tested and manholes inspected and inventoried
- Water, sewer and storm water operations combined now managed as one entity
- Blue Zone Certified Community Designation earned
- Branding, Development, and Marketing Action Plan completed and received

**NEW 4TH WARD COUNCILMAN**

Steve Burnett, the new Oskaloosa 4th Ward Council Member, grew up on a farm near Delta and graduated from Sigourney High School. Burnett attended Iowa State University, received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Bethel College and Seminary in St. Paul, MN, and his Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Kansas School of Business. He worked for Sprint in Kansas City for 10 years and Radio Shack for 23. Burnett joined MCG as the Sales and Marketing Manager in 2014. Since his move, he has been active with the Mahaska Community Development Group and serves on the Board of Directors for United Way. Married to his wife, Rosemary for 37 years, they have two adult grown children living in the Kansas City area.

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**UPCOMING PROJECTS**

- Burlington Road reconstruction
- North 17th Bridge reconstruction
- Sheriff Avenue reconstruction design
- South D Street reconstruction design
- Sanitary sewer facility master plan study
- Sanitary sewer plant upgrades
- Sanitary sewer replacement South L and M Streets
- Sanitary sewer replacement Penn Boulevard
- Downtown facade grant application
- Manhole replacement program

**CORRIDOR AND WAYFINDING IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED**

A plan is in final draft form and is anticipated to be approved on January 19 by the Oskaloosa City Council. Wayfinding sign installation is the first phase to be implemented. If funding is allocated, it is possible construction could occur in 2016.

- New ramps constructed at several locations throughout the City
- New Oskaloosa Dog Park located at Edmundson