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Dept.	Project	Type of Request	New CIP	Existing CIP	Other	Normal Budget	Description	Why is it Important	Remarks
Admin	Child Care	Other			1		Explore how the City could actively support some type of collaborative partnership to make quality child care more affordable and accessible in Garden City. I believe this is an economic development and infrastructure issue that has not been recognized as a barrier for employers and employees. Many of the retail businesses opening in our community provide jobs that will be filled by young parents and I believe this would be a good recruiting tool for businesses if they had more ready access to quality employees who could join the work force if child care were more available to them. Just as citizens need affordable housing, in order to work, they also need to be confident that their children are in safe, healthy environments with hours that match their work schedules. We have a significant shortage of licensed child care in our community. Centers that provide quality care have an extremely difficult time generating enough cash flow from what parents are able to pay at this time in their lives when they are just beginning their careers (or when they are attending college or when many are working the low wage jobs available to them). In fact, parents can pay as much in child care before their children turn five as they will once they go to college. Only when children enter Kindergarten is their daily care provided at no cost by the schools.	As the Executive Director of Russell Child Development Center (where we do not child provide child care), I am keenly aware of this issue. I have been part of a group that has been discussing the situation and the RCDC Board has also been exploring its role. The fact is, without some sort of public support, the addition or expansion of quality, licensed child care is unlikely. I believe the involvement and support of local government would put Garden City at a competitive advantage with surrounding communities if we could boast the fact that not only are we providing supports and incentives for housing, business expansions and traditional public works, but that we also recognize the importance of being a progressive community in the area of child care. There are examples out there of communities that have been involved in this. It really is a work force issue, not just a "nice" thing to do.	
Admin	Comments	Other			1		As new residents of Garden City, we are very excited about living in this progressive community. We appreciate the opportunity to provide our input in the City's Capital Improvement Program. We do believe our suggestions will be given serious consideration.		
Admin	Library	County			1		Finney County Library should look at expanding their current facilities or have a branch library in Holcomb.	The current Library is over crowded and is hard to study with the distractions and noise level. Adding on to the existing or having a branch will help in creating quiet zones or split the population.	
Admin	Old Brick Usage	Other			1		Use the original bricks from the streets to inscribe the service information of Finney County resident who served in any war. They can be placed along the south side of....	It would keep the historic bricks in use and would honor our local heroes. The museum might have service information, the VFW, American Legion, etc. might have information and request for information could be sent in the utility bills.	
Admin	Taxes	Other			1		Like many communities in Kansas, Garden City should consider waiving the property taxes for seniors allowing them to stay in their own homes and remain in the community.		
Electric	Lighting	Normal Budget				1	More street lights on this block and surrounding blocks: Briar Hill, Thompson and Price.	It is extremely dark in this area and may help our elderly people who drive and also to possibly help avoid thefts in this area.	

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Electric	Lighting	Normal Budget				1	Additional street lights on Amy Street in the Wilson Addition.	Amy Street is the very first street in the Wilson Addition. Many duplex. Condo unites line this street. Many families with children, young professionals and retired citizens live in this area. There are currently two street lights on Amy, one in the middle and one on the very north end just before the curve. There is one on Spruce that illuminates somewhat. The addition of at least two more street lights would provide the area a greater degree of safety in both pedestrian and vehicular traffic. In an effort to keep the citizens of our community safe, it is my request that you would seriously consider the addition of more street lights.	
Electric	Lighting	Normal Budget				1	More lighting on Fourth Street by the hospital with second lighted crosswalk at north employee parking.	Our shift starts before it is light out and ends after it is dark. People can't see us and don't stop. A coworker in this area died in this area because of unsafe crossings. Help us be safe so we can help you when needed.	
Parks	Blind Spots	Normal Budget				1	Within the last year, the City placed new shrubbery along the wall that runs between Pioneer and Windyview along Campus. At the time of the placement of that shrubbery, the plants were small. No one gave it second thought about how those plants would grow. Now these plants have grown to a height that has made it almost impossible to see motorist until they are on top of you. We have seen several near misses and anticipate at some point it will eventually create a wreck that could have been prevented.	I propose the shrubbery not be a bush so close to the intersection of Windyview and Campus as well as Pioneer and Campus.	
Parks	Landscaping	Other			1		Would love to see the dead and dying elms replaced around town with drought resistant long-lived trees; with the homeowners' permission and support of course.	One of the things that set Garden apart from its neighbors in years past was its abundance of trees and the beauty of our neighborhoods. It's possible that the decline over the years has contributed to vandalism and disorder per the Broken Window Theory of anti-social behavior. Just a thought!	
Parks	Landscaping	Existing CIP		1			In order to beautify the City, why can't some trees be planted near the Bypass on Kansas Avenue and on down south? We have enough parks (which get very little use) and it's nice but few people use Talley Trail.	Put the "Garden" back in Garden City unless you baldness of cement and trash strewn ditches.	
Parks	Landscaping	Other			1		Dead tree branches hanging over streets.		
Parks	Park with Fishing Pond	Existing CIP		1			Fix/repair/fill with fish and water the Buffalo Park Fishing Pond.	When my children were your, we utilized this pond a lot. IT was a great family place to fish, socialize, meet new families with their children. IT was just plain fun for the young kids. Now we have to travel to fish. Children that can't afford to travel are missing this experience.	
Parks	Restroom	Existing CIP		2			Restroom constructed on Talley Trail and Forest Lake Park Wildlife Area please.	There are no restrooms available. When you gotta go, you gotta go!	

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Planning	Art Building	Other			1		Take the Arts Commission offer for the Legion Building.	This would allow them to expand and get more youth involved in art.	
Planning	Code Enforcement	Other			1		Assign a person or persons to a citywide beautification inspection tour, notifying property owners of accruing violations of zoning regulations and of the time period repairs or cleanup must be completed (I believe that time period should be shortened).	Garden city has long been know for her progressive spirit and a clean community safe and beautiful. We have failed to maintain that high standard when it comes to residential property. Much has been said but little has been done to curb the erosion (PRIDE) property owners take in their yards it is not too late to reverse this ugly trend.	
Planning	Code Enforcement	Other			1		How about limiting yard ornaments to 2 or 3 in front of houses?	Never know when some people just have bad taste or they're having a lawn sale. It looks trashy!	
Planning	Code Enforcement	Other			1		Disabled cars setting in yards.		
Planning	College Project	College			1		Transition the Garden City Community College from a two year college to a four year university.	This will take many years or work and financial commitment	
Planning	Community	CIP		2			Affordable Community Center for small venue - to used for baby or bridal showers, family reunions, etc.	Garden City has no affordable options for these type of events for middle or lower class citizens to afford. Senior Center is always booked up.	
Planning	Debris	KDOT			1		Have KDOT clean up their mess just south of Spruce Street along the east side of Bypass. This is a very unsightly view for a major entrance to Garden City.	It will improve first impressions of Garden City as a whole. There is no need for KDOT to have piles of rubble, dirt and debris next to Bypass.	
Planning	Housing	Normal Budget				1	Do more on attracting additional housing to be built.	September 2012, we had 240 children labeled homeless. May 2013, the number 341. So we are going backwards.	
Planning	Housing	Normal Budget				1	I am very interested in projects that provide affordable rental housing for senior citizens of Garden City. My husband and I recently down sized from owning our own home. We found the affordable rental housing very limited, especially for us "Baby Boomers" just renting.	Thank you for the opportunity to be involved in Garden City community projects.	
Planning	Multipurpose Sporting Facility	Normal Budget				1	Multipurpose Indoor Sporting Facility. A major reason that I see this need is from working with the Violence Prevention Initiative. Part of the VP Initiative was to have community meetings asking "What would make Garden city be a more safe and healthy community", the number one result from the meetings was to build an indoor sporting facility (surprising since it was "Safe and healthy" and not what could we add for recreation.		
Planning	Shopping Mall	Existing CIP		1			A mall would be nice and attract a lot of people.	Important because people from the outside would come to it, which means more money and less trips for us. We wouldn't have to drive clear to Wichita just to shop.	

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Recreation	Baseball Complex	CIP			1		We need a baseball complex - NICE - like Dodge City, Pratt, etc. I am ashamed of what he have to offer. It would be good to host tournaments.		
Recreation	Dog Park - Walking/Play Park	Existing CIP		1			Dog walking/play area park by the Zoo, Finney County Park.	I observe a lot of Garden City residents walking their dogs - mostly in the summer.	
Solid Waste	Pest Control	Normal Budget				1	Fly remediation program.		
Solid Waste	Recycle	Normal Budget				1	Include light weight cardboard as a recycle item, i.e. cereal boxes.	Dighton will recycle the light weight cardboard. It's amazing how much one house goes through. It's just difficult getting it to Dighton.	
Solid Waste	Recycle	Normal Budget				1	Recycle Plant - one place where ALL recycled products go and then sorted out. Colorado Springs and Hutchinson (I believe) have these.	Just driving around you see so much recycle material lying around. We, homeowners, pay \$5.00 per month and all goes into a certain barrel or whatever. Then sorted at a plant site. This would provide jobs also.	
Stormwater	Drainage	Normal Budget				1	I would like to see the drainage on center Street improved so the gutter in front of my house does not fill with stagnant water. There are tree roots up the way blocking water flow to the storm drain and so water stops and sits for long periods. This has been ongoing for many years and the neighborhood is familiar with the "alligator" water at the end of our drive. Barring any drainage improvements if the street sweeper could come more often when water is standing it would help quite a bit.		
Traffic	Pavement Markings	Normal Budget				1	Paint the street lines more than twice a year.	Lower road rage so drivers can drive more safely and most people will be able to see the lane they should be in.	
Traffic	Pavement Markings	Normal Budget				1	Paint lines on streets more often. Signage needs significant improvement.	Safety. Very difficult to find streets and exits. Exit lanes magically appear with no warning.	
Traffic	Pavement Markings	Normal Budget				1	Campus and Mary northbound traffic crossing Mary has a left turn lane and a right lane which allows motorist to go straight or turn. We have seen many drivers get to that intersection and use the left lane thinking the north side of Mary on Campus has four lanes. Garden City people who commute this everyday know what to do; however, out-of-town or out-of-state motorists don't. We have seen way too many near misses here as well.	I am just one voice; however, I am a homeowner and tax payer that greatly enjoys living here in Garden city. I believe this intersection if left the way it currently is will end up taking lives. Please take the time to consider some changes at these intersections.	
Traffic	Pavement Markings	Normal Budget				1	Repaint the lanes. Traffic is getting higher and nobody seems to know when to go or what lane to be in to not back traffic up.		

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Traffic	Pavement Markings	Normal Budget			1		At the intersection of Walnut and Fourth Street, there is no designation or warning by sign or painted lanes, that traffic heading south are entering a one lane street. With the two sets of light and wide street by the east side of the hospital, people get confused. On the south side of the intersection, it is designated that the right lane must turn right. There have been times where two cars, side-by-side, go straight.	I suggest that the lanes on the north part of the intersection be painted the same as the south. Or, to continue to have the "Right Turn Only" lane continue to the first entrance into the hospital parking lot on Fourth Street, north of the helicopter pad.	
Traffic	Signage	Normal Budget				1	We need warning signs on Fleming to warn of dips.	This will avoid damage to autos and slow traffic in the school zone.	
Transit	City Link	Normal Budget				1	Continue funding City Link and add at least a 5 and 6th hour set on Saturdays to help people shop and access services on the weekend.	We still have many families without transportation.	
Transit	City Link	Normal Budget				1	My suggestion would be the elimination of the Public Bus Service offered by the City of Garden City. We have empty buses running all over town, using fuel, manpower, maintaining of the buses and the facility. I am sure that there are certain routes that have some ridership. But on the whole, most of the buses just run around town with the driver being the only occupant.	If we could find a private company that would take over this service, the City would be able to eliminate this "money pit". There is no way under God's green earth that this service generates any profit as presently ran by the City and is a drain on City coffers. I do not know what the capital outlay has been thus far for this project, but it has not been a great service for the citizens of Garden City. I understand there are those how need transportation. For those who can afford let them pay a fare for the service. For those who cannot afford offer a "voucher" program that will allow them the use of a private company operation. A voucher would be much less a burden to the citizens of Garden city than the present operation. We have an elaborate transportation system now that loses money and cost each and every taxpayer.	
Transportation	Brick Streets	Normal Budget				1	Brick roads need to be replaced with asphalt or concrete, especially Eighth Street with worst area being from Buffalo Jones Ave/Walnut to Pine Street.	All roads are to rough and bad on vehicles.	
Transportation	Brick Streets	New CIP	1				Get rid of brick on Eighth Street.	It is hard on City Link buses and passengers.	
Transportation	Curbs	Normal Budget		1			Many curbs need repaired.		
Transportation	Driveway Entrance	Other			1		Would like to see the east entrance into Fulton Terrace be widened.		Need to work with property owner.
Transportation	Roads	Normal Budget				1	Areas that need milled down completely and re-asphalted is west Emerson from Eighth Street to Taylor Ave and Walnut from Main Street to Eighth Street.	All roads are to rough and bad on vehicles.	

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Transportation	Roads	Normal Budget				1	Please fix the northeast corner of Main and Walnut. The street has buckled creating a large bump. Also Walnut Street between Garden Ave and Eighth Street is very rough, especially where it goes from asphalt to brick.	Many people use that route to get to Dillon's West. Thank you, I think the City does a great job!	
Transportation	Roads	New CIP			1		Adopt gutter less road constructions or improvements.	To encourage infiltration of water on grasses or embankments since our aquifer needs all the drops of water to recharge.	
Transportation	Roads	New CIP			1		Flatten all roads, remove unnecessary bumps especially along main roads.	To save on snow plowing. Snow trucks seems to avoid the bumps because they do not completely lower the blades, thus the need for second pass.	
Transportation	Roads	Existing CIP		1			Install turn lanes on Kansas Avenue at Second Street and at the Elks Lodge.	Improve traffic flow. Especially during rush hours.	
Transportation	Sidewalks	Existing CIP		1			How about sidewalks on Campus Drive going north on the west side of the street from Harding to Mary. Actually both side of Campus need it.	It is important for safety reasons obviously. People and students from Jennie Wilson are using the grass area on that side of the street and it would be better to have a sidewalk.	
Transportation	Sidewalks	Existing CIP		1			Sidewalk south of Crestway Drive on the west side of Campus Drive.	There is not a sidewalk on either side of the street in this area. There is a lot of foot traffic as evidenced by the path that is along the west side. The traffic is moving at 40 mph and this is a danger to the foot traffic. This area is also an eye sore at times due to small trees and weeds.	
Transportation	Sidewalks	Existing CIP		1			Some sidewalks are not safe to walk on.	in Newton, Kansas, the city fixes the sidewalks and bills the property owner. Please consider this.	
Transportation	Sidewalks	Existing CIP		1			The City needs to continue to work on adding sidewalks to every street.	It improves the health and quality of life of it's residents; to be able to walk anywhere. I already see many great changes being made - thank you!	
Transportation	Signals	Normal Budget				1	Intersection of Mary and HWY 156 has four lanes both directions and no signal lights - extremely dangerous. There have been so many times where I have witnessed so many near collisions that we no longer take that intersection.	I propose the City places signals at this intersection. I am just one voice; however, I am a homeowner and tax payer that greatly enjoys living here in Garden city. I believe this intersection if left the way it currently is will end up taking lives. Please take the time to consider some changes at these intersections.	
Transportation	Signals	KDOT			1		Need traffic light at HWY 156 and Mary.		

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Transportation	Sound Wall	Other			1		Sound wall from Spruce and 83 HWY stop light north past the residential area	Traffic on HWY 83 is very substantial, especially heavy truck traffic (24-7-365), and will most likely be increasing with the growth of Garden City. I would suggest to you that a sound wall is necessary from the Spruce and HWY 83 intersection north, on the east side of 83 to protect residents from the excessive noise. A sound wall would not only reduce the extreme noise, but would also increase/enhance the value of the Wilson Addition, making the area attractive for potential contractors and residents, and making the view from HWY 83 aesthetically pleasing.	
Transportation	Speed Bumps	Other			1		Conduct traffic study to determine residential streets that warrant moderate speed bumps. I have been wearing a bright reflective vest when I walk my dog late afternoons because recently I was nearly hit while crossing Belmont in front of my house.	During the 13 years I have lived at this location, I have had my mailbox knocked down, my travel camper and a van owned by the Human Society badly damaged. Drivers seem to feel Belmont is a railway between Labrador and Mary Street. I am sure other streets meet the same criteria.	
Transportation	Speed Limit	KDOT			1		Reduce the speed limit to 45 mph between the overpass and HWY 156 and the Fulton Street Overpass.	I drive a bus for Finney County Transit and our buses go through the Spruce and Schulman intersections 50-60 times per day and see lots of close calls and truckers running red lights. You can see the skid marks where the trucks have tried to stop. They are just going too fast. Today (10/24/13) I saw two different trucks run red lights and they both had time to stop before the light turned red. A KHP dispatcher said they used to call that area "death valley". Might save a life if it were 45 mph. I don't have any idea how many school buses go through the intersection.	
Water	Water Quality	Normal Budget				1	Replace the water line on our street. We've had trouble with rusty water for a couple of years now.	Not only is rusty water a health hazard, but I have a beauty salon at this address and you don't want to wash hair in rusty water.	