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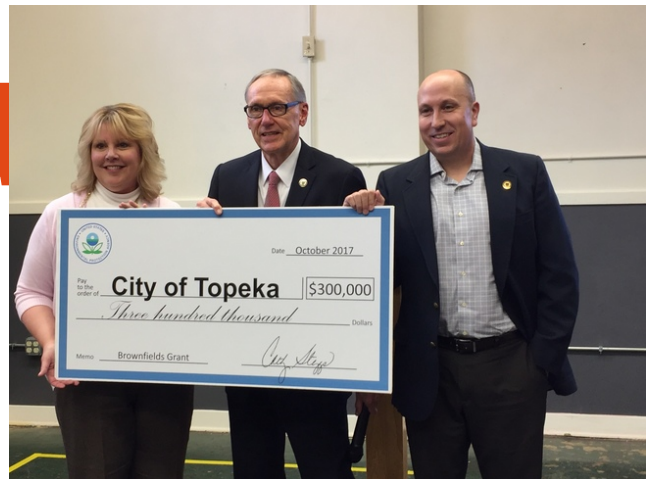
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From the City Manager's Desk

October 30, 2017

Brownfield EPA Grant



The City of Topeka is the only city in Kansas to receive a Brownfield's grant from the Environmental



Protection Agency. The grant totals \$300,000 and will be used in North Topeka to assess if there is any hazardous waste or petroleum in the area.

Twelve sites will be chosen for the assessment. If hazardous waste or petroleum is found the City can apply for more grants from the EPA for clean up efforts.

Part of the Brownfield's site in North Topeka will be turned into the Oregon Trail park. The park will be along the river and have educational materials about the Oregon Trail.

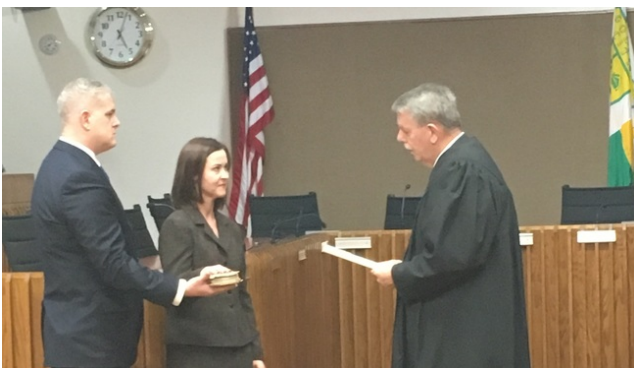
Recent Updates

- The most recent finance monthly report can be found at <https://www.topeka.org/finance/Pages/Monthly-Reports.aspx>



- Work continuing at the SW 21st/Wanamaker intersection and west on 21st. The road is on schedule to be open to traffic by November 22nd.
- The Utilities Department is working with traffic operations to update signage and pavement markings to help change of Winter Street UPRR Crossing from private to public.
- The Fire Department is currently conducting a 10 week training academy with eight recruits.

Municipal Judge Lori Dougherty- Bichsel sworn in



Lori Dougherty-Bichsel was sworn in as the Municipal Judge on Monday, October 23rd.

o Judge Dougherty-Bichsel has eleven years of experience



practicing law in the State of Kansas. She has worked in civil, criminal and administrative law.

o Judge John Knoll was also sworn in as the Associate Municipal Judge.

6th and Clay St. Ribbon Cutting

A ribbon cutting was held at the intersection of 6th and Clay Streets on October 27th. The road was recently re-done. Old brick was taken from beneath the asphalt and saved while a new concrete base was put in. The historic brick was then put on top of the concrete. This created a historic looking paved street that is more durable than asphalt.



Coming up

- October 31st- Operation SAFE TREAT- Trunk or Treat.
 - November 5th-7th CALEA Accreditation on-site inspection
 - November 7th- TPD Ft. Leavenworth Career Fair.
 - November 16th -FT Riley Career Fair- TPD Recruit Team in attendance
 - Brent Trout starts as City Manager.
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Brent Trout

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