TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Patrick Urich, City Manager

DATE: July 13, 2012

SUBJECT: Issues Update

The following are issues related to the City for the weekly Issues Update. If there are additional items you believe should be included, please let me know.

**WILHELM BRIDGE PROJECT UPDATE.** Contingent on weather conditions, the Wilhelm Bridge project is scheduled to be completed Friday, August 3, 2012.

**CRIME STATISTICS THROUGH JUNE, 2012.** Attached *(Electronic Copies Only)* are two documents comparing the crime stats through June, 2012. The first chart compares year-to-date crimes against the same period last year. The data indicates currently crime stats are 8% higher than last years, overall. However, it is important to note that at the end of February, stats were 28% higher than last year and each month since have had a lower monthly rate and have gained back ground. The second document compares the month of June this year versus last year. Violent crimes this June is 9% lower than last year and property crime is down 8%.

**DON’T SHOOT TEAM.** The Police Department compared the three weeks prior to the Don’t Shoot Team, versus the Teams first three weeks. City wide, there was an 86% drop in confirmed gunfire incidents. We also dropped from nine people shot, two killed, in seven different incidents, to zero. *(Electronic Copy Only)*

**JUNE 2012 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION CENTER (ECC) REPORT.** The June 2012 Emergency Communications Center (ECC) Report is included in this week’s Issues Update for your review. *(Electronic Copy Only)*

**ILLINOIS CITY MANAGER’S ASSOCIATION (ILCMA SUMMER CONFERENCE).** City Manager Patrick Urich and Special Projects Manager Christopher Setti attended ILCMA’s summer conference between June 27 and June 29 in Galena, Illinois. In addition to networking with colleagues, sessions included preparing for negotiation of collective bargaining agreements; sustainability initiatives; innovation in the face of challenges; drafting ordinances and resolutions; and changes in municipal finance. Keynote speakers discussed ethics and corruption, the future of the City Management profession, and how demographic changes are impacting government. The ILCMA winter conference will be held in Peoria at the Sheraton Four Points on February 20-22, 2013.