



**City Manager's Report—March 8, 2016**

- 1) FEMA—we have compiled necessary documents and receipts in order to begin filing reimbursement for the "Thanksgiving Ice-storm". CPWA collected 2000 cubic yards of vegetative debris caused by severe ice accumulation on electric power lines, limbs and trees that fell onto roadways, public property, private dwellings, and right-of-ways constituting a threat to public health and safety. There were also expenses related to generators that had to be purchased and rented to keep the city's water supply going.
- 2) Met with the Executive Director of "Keep Oklahoma Beautiful" (KOB) to discuss ways that Crescent can become involved as an Affiliate member and capture some of the benefits such as the 'Roadside Beautification Grant' and taking part in the 'Great American Cleanup' where KOB provides the trash bags, gloves, water, and t-shirts anytime between March 1 – May 31, and 'Fresh Paint Days' where we can apply to receive free paint to paint areas of our city. Some grants provide equipment to use in cleaning up the community and there are others that provide planters and flags. I have spoken with Mark Radford with the Crescent Chamber of Commerce and we will be meeting to discuss these things further.
- 3) Met with the Economic Development Representative for US Department of Commerce and there are Planning grants that we qualify to receive for downtown revitalization efforts that promote business development and will ultimately bring in more sales tax revenues plus invigorate our residents to come back and shop. The City will administrate the grants to the business community for such things as new store fronts and awnings and there is also a grant for providing free Wi-Fi for the downtown. There is a committee that meets each month to evaluate the proposals and upon approval a grant proposal can begin for the funding necessary for projects. I am working on a Planning Grant proposal currently to submit for next month.
- 4) FEMA Building with the school. I was invited to attend a meeting with Mickey Hart, Crescent School Superintendent and a FEMA Representative to discuss the Dual Purpose Community Center. It looks like the school will be submitting the proposal close to the end of this year and the portion they are asking from the City has gone down to about \$180K in-kind services from the previous amount of \$400K.
- 5) 522 Ambulance District is working but the amount of money in the account is dwindling quickly. There is a need for the community to get involved in more ways than just verbal support. Personnel costs alone for the year are around \$160K. The Board meets the



second Friday of the month and we will be looking at ways to bring in additional funding.

- 6) Budget Cycle is in full force and we are looking at historic budgets and forecasting for the upcoming FY 2016-2017. Over the next few months I will be making Staff Recommendations to Council on things that need to be added into the Budget and become policies and procedures.
- 7) Sales Tax Revenues—Projected Quarterly Totals \$135K. First Quarter Actual \$124,517.19 (-\$10,482.81). Second Quarter Actual \$104,954.03 (-\$30,045.97). January (Actual) \$30,956.97 (-\$14,043.03). February (Actual) \$31,171.40 (-\$13,828.60). Total under Budget from July-February is \$-68,400.41.
- 8) Cardinal Engineering—we continue to work on projects and have now handed off the surveys to Randel Shadid our City Attorney to give legal opinion on land ownership and deeds etc. necessary for funding the project. It looks like bids will open in the summer.