



June 9, 2020

City Manager's Report

The City continues to work with State and Local health department officials to keep our citizens and staff safe as the COVID-19 disease continues in the United States. The country is nearly fully reopened, however, I would like to remind people to take basic steps to continue to reduce the spread of disease. Social distancing and hand washing will continue to reduce infection. An account of our continued response along with information and resources is available at www.cityofcrescent.com/covid19. We are expecting a Black Lives Matters protest starting at the park and walking to City Hall on Saturday June 11th at 7pm. We are expecting this protest to be peaceful. Chief Stephens will have more information in his report.

Roads: We have resumed using hot patch for our repairs now that the weather has warmed up. We are preparing to lay asphalt at the library parking lot and fire department in completion of our REAP grant. We are planning projects that include cleaning plugged drain culverts and adding additional culverts where required. We still have budget left in our street & alley fund, so paving projects will be a big focus this month.

Admin: Sales Tax, April: \$36,050.94 We are currently 92% of the way through the fiscal period, reports show that General Government has spent 90.6% of our planned expenditures and received 96.4% of our expected revenues. Those numbers look good but include insurance funds for damages incurred through the year. Actual tax revenues have declined substantially below our budget projections, and the City continues to take steps to reduce expenses and cut costs. Public Works have spent 92.9% of our planned expenditures and received 92.9% of our expected revenues.

Projects: The SCADA system is functioning to control our freshwater system. The wastewater part of the SCADA system will take another couple months to complete. The library parking and driveway project is prepared for final compaction and asphalt when the county has time to install it...possibly later this week. The sewer lagoon levels are improving, and we are expecting the risk from late season rains is behind us. The pool project will resume in earnest this month. I am working with the City Engineer to develop a set of standards the new pool project must meet. There will be continued discussion with the pool contractor and designer as we continue to iron out health department requirements. I believe we are still on track to open in the Summer of 2021.

Parks: Park maintenance is underway. We repaired and reopened the splash pad and kids have been taking the opportunity to cool off in the heat. The parks are improving as we prepare for the City's July 4th celebration.



Library: Recently reopened. The librarian is taking steps to ensure the books and equipment are clean to reduce the COVID infection rates. The librarian has also been assisting with folks who would like to join the free virtual services offered by our library on the Overdrive platform. If you enjoy reading or listening on your mobile device, please check out this free service. You may virtually check out many library resources including books and audio books for free.

-Ryan Wallace, City Manager