



July 14, 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 had a peaceful Black Lives Matters protest starting at the park and walking to City Hall on Saturday June 11th at 7pm. We are thankful that we live in a community where all members have a voice, and are supported by their community.

We had a wonderful Independence Day celebration on Friday July 3rd and Saturday July 4th. We had music, pageants, parades, food, games and fun. We are Oklahoma proud of our American heritage and happy to have spent the days celebrating our independence.

This month Grady Birchfield has officially assumed the role of Public Works Supervisor. He is hard at work making changes to the department that we can see improving our service levels and maintenance. We're happy to have him on board! Nick Powell, who was recently serving as interim supervisor, will now assume GIS duties. The city will support him in learning the GIS system and will benefit from having a specialist in-house.

Roads: We are (still) preparing to lay asphalt at the library parking lot and fire department in completion of our REAP grant. We added 2 new culverts to the intersection of Adams and Cimmaron at the SE corner of the park, and the park entrance at the ball field. Hot patch repairs will continue weekly.

Admin: Sales Tax, May: \$32,391.40. We ended the fiscal period on June 30. Reports show that General Government has spent 94.8% of our planned expenditures and received 102% 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 98.3% of our planned expenditures and received 99.9% of our expected revenues. Thanks to Trina McCracken for careful stewardship of the resources throughout the fiscal period!

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. The pool project is moving forward. The donor would like to look at locating the pool at the city park. I am



working with the city engineer and the pool contractor to determine the feasibility of that plan. All parties believe we are still on track for a spring 2021 opening.

Parks: The parks were in excellent shape for the Independence Day celebration. (Really, the whole town looked amazing!). Thank you to the hard work of the public works employees who worked hard to make things look and work so well.

Library: The Library is open and taking steps to ensure the books and equipment are clean to reduce the COVID infection rates. The librarian continues to assist 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