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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. We may be seeing either a resurgence of the disease or migration into more rural areas. In either case, 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. If you feel comfortable wearing a mask to help protect others, please do so. If you are immunocompromised, please take additional steps to protect yourself. An account of our continued response along with information and resources is available at [www.cityofcrescent.com/covid19](http://www.cityofcrescent.com/covid19).

We had a line repair, requiring the water service to town be shutoff, that took much more time than budgeted on Wednesday, August 5th. The line repair was envisioned to take approximately 2 hours, but we told the public it would need as long as 4 hours. Service was stopped at the planned time of 2pm to allow the local businesses to serve lunch. Unfortunately, the repair took much longer than that, and service wasn't restored until 4am on Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. Line pressure continued to build over the next 24 hours, and by Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, the system was stable and operating properly.

**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. (June info not available at the time this report was created). We began a new fiscal period in July. We are currently 8.3% of the way into the fiscal period. Reports show that General Government has spent 9.9% of our planned expenditures and received 10.0% of our expected revenues. Public Works have spent 7.5% of our planned expenditures and received 8.3% 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. Since the weather won't seem to cooperate, we have requested a 3 month extension of time to complete the project. The pool project is continuing forward. We are continuing to plan for the pool at the city park. I am still working with the city engineer and the pool contractor to determine the feasibility of that plan. Next meeting is Wednesday, August 12. All parties believe we are still on track for a spring 2021 opening.



**Parks:** The parks are still looking good after the preparations for Independence Day. This month Council will have an opportunity to approve a volunteer project headed by Logan LaRue to build a basketball court between the Skate Park and the Farmers Marketplace, on the site of the old city pool. The project will be entirely funded by donations, and is will be named "The Hunt Family Basketball Court" in honor of Dalton and Karen Hunt who have opened their backyard to kids for decades. The outdoor basketball court will be a valuable resource for area kids and conveniently located close to school. It will also improve the park property.

**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