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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. City Hall and the Library were closed to the public for a couple weeks this month, due to spiking numbers. 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).

**Roads:** The city completed the asphalt parking lot and driveway at the Library and the rear driveway to the Fire Department under budget. The City would like to thank Logan County District 3 for their help completing the project. The Public Works department has been cleaning up the streets and continuing to patch holes and improve the quality of streets. We will continue to fill holes using asphalt hot patch until the weather becomes too cold to use it effectively.

**Admin:** Sales Tax, Aug: \$31,482.48. We are currently 16.6% of the way into the fiscal period. Reports show that General Government has spent 20.7% of our planned expenditures and received 17.3% of our expected revenues. Public Works have spent 17.9% of our planned expenditures and received 17.0% of our expected revenues. These figures include annualized expenditures that are booked now, but become due throughout the year. Also, the initial receipt of our CARES grant funding (\$48k received September 4th) is not included in these figures. Booking the CARES grant funds will correct our budget imbalance.

**Projects:** The SCADA system project is largely completed at this time. The system is online for both fresh and waste water. The system is already providing insights into the health of our equipment and inspiring ideas for how we might use data to prolong our equipment life cycles and correct problems before they cause damage. The pool project is continuing forward at the city park. The pool at the park will fit with our existing ball field (with the fence line adjusted to 250' for softball and t-ball) and help to solve some of the problems we currently have with the park, including parking, restrooms, and the splashpad creating increased pressure for our water and sewer systems. All parties believe we are still on track for a 2021 opening.



**Parks:** The parks are still looking great. Logan LaRue has broken ground on the “Hunt Family Basketball Court” located between the Skate Park and the Farmers Marketplace, on the site of the old city pool. The project is all volunteer and funded entirely by donations. The project is named in honor of Dalton and Karen Hunt who have opened their backyard basketball court to local area kids for decades. They are only \$1000 short of their fundraising goal...if you can help, please contact Logan LaRue or drop by F&M Bank and make a donation. 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:** Like City Hall, the Library has been closed this last month but is now reopened and offering curbside delivery 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