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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. 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.

Roads: The city will pour cement sidewalks to complete our Library Improvement REAP grant in the coming days. The sidewalk will connect with the Safe Routes to School sidewalk that ends on the Library property and continue west to the end of the Library property. The Public Works department has been cleaning up the streets and continuing to patch holes and improve the quality of streets.

Admin: Sales Tax, Sept: \$31,905.06. We are currently 25% of the way into the fiscal period. Reports show that General Government has spent 26.9% of our planned expenditures and received 27.7% of our expected revenues. Public Works have spent 26.0% of our planned expenditures and received 27.1% of our expected revenues. We have received \$48k of CARES funds and expect to receive an additional \$74k by the end of the calendar year. We continue to work with FEMA for storm damages, for which we have received \$56k to date. We have completed the first phase of our yearly audit. So far, it looks good.

Projects: The SCADA system project is complete. We are expanding the system to include continuous monitoring of chlorine levels. I met with the donor to discuss the Pool Project and made recommendation that she hire an architect and project manager to help define the project scope and increase the pace of progress. We met with James Kerr the architect and construction manager working on the Crescent Schools project. The funds that were raised for equipment in the park will be spent at the completion of the pool project, and used for items that will benefit all park users. (benches, shade structures, play ground equipment, trash enclosures, etc.) Next month I will propose a 2,400 square foot metal building at the City Yard for protecting equipment from the elements. We will apply for 2 REAP grants this year. The first REAP grant application will be for improvements to the community center. This project will be divided into various component projects and will be prioritized based on the amount of supplemental grant funding that becomes available. The second REAP grant application will be for water system safety improvements, which consist of fencing around the location of our water towers and fencing around the location of our clear well.



Parks: The parks are looking good. Public Works has winterized the splash pad. Logan LaRue has completed pouring the slab on the "Hunt Family Basketball Court" located between the Skate Park and the Crescent Marketplace, on the site of the old city pool. Public Works installed the basketball goals. The project needs court marking paint, grading the dirt around the court & lawn restoration, and signage installed for final completion.

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