



November 10, 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. 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.

This month has been eventful with the Ice Storm on October 27, 2020 causing major damage throughout our city. The City immediately responded by restoring power to our infrastructure items using our emergency generators. We had trouble at several locations, but were able to overcome the difficulties and prevent any loss of water or sewer service to residents. We provided a warming center for people in partnership with First Baptist Church, who provided staff and prepared warm meals for folks. OG&E restored power to most customers in town by Sunday November 1, 2020. The City is now in process of clearing debris from the curbside and depositing it at the DEQ authorized staging site, the community center. Our curbside cleanup will consist of 2 separate passes through our city, the first began on November 4, 2020, and the second will begin when the first is completed.

Roads: The city completed cement sidewalks finishing our Library Improvement REAP grant. The sidewalk connects with the Safe Routes to School sidewalk that ends on the Library property and continues west to the end of the Library property. The roads seeing a lot of traffic due to debris removal efforts and we imagine there will be serious road work due when the cleanup is completed.

Admin: Sales Tax, Sept: \$34,544.43. We are currently 33% of the way into the fiscal period. Reports show that General Government has spent 34.2% of our planned expenditures and received 33.9% of our expected revenues. Public Works have spent 31.1% of our planned expenditures and received 34.9% 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 have finished our work with FEMA for 2018 storm damages, for which we have received \$74k to date.

Projects: We worked with Kerr3, the architect and construction manager working on the Crescent Schools project, to assist with a certificate of occupancy on the new FEMA building. I have proposed a 2,400 square foot metal building at the City Yard for protecting equipment from the elements. The building will be ordered as a kit and assembled by public works staff on a foundation that we will bid out. This project will be completed over the next 2 fiscal periods at an estimated cost of \$50k.

Parks: The parks heavily impacted by the ice storm. Public works staff will clean the debris from the parks as part of the curbside cleanup project.



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