

December 15, 2020

City Manager's Report

In the last 3 weeks City Hall has been impacted by COVID with 3 employees and their families becoming ill, resulting in a precautionary shutdown of the City Hall building. We urge everyone to take precautions. 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 we have been focused on storm debris cleanup and navigating the regulatory hurdles DEQ has imposed on the storm debris staging site and burn permit. We have competed our first pass of the city and are processing our debris pile. The second round of cleanup will begin when we have sufficient room to stage the debris, likely in January.

Admin: Sales Tax, Sept: \$35,827.81. We are currently 41.7% of the way into the fiscal period. Reports show that General Government has spent 42.8% of our planned expenditures and received 53.8% of our expected revenues. Public Works have spent 42.2% of our planned expenditures and received 44.5% of our expected revenues.

Projects: Bid packages for the 2,400 square foot metal building kit at the City Yard for protecting equipment from the elements, will go out in December. 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 were heavily impacted by the ice storm. Public works staff has cleaned most of the debris from the parks, but the trees will need maintenance to keep them healthy and make them attractive.

Library: The Library is 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