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## City Manager's Report

January 11, 2022

COVID-19 is back in the news...and back in Crescent. Currently, the city has 18% of full-time staff out with confirmed cases. OK Department of Health reports a dramatic surge in new cases. (Last week: 6,829 new cases. Saturday (1/8/22): 9,320. Sunday (1/9/22): 9,608. Monday (1/10/22 @ Noon): 8,130)

Because of the increase of cases, the city will implement the following protocols, designed to keep the public and city staff safe and effective. City Hall will remain open for drive through services only. All utility and court services will be available at the drive through during normal business hours. (M-F 8am-4pm). The library will remain open for curbside, virtual library and WiFi services. Public Works employees will be working in small teams and limiting exposure between teams to isolate exposure.

Christmas was beautiful in Crescent. The Chamber of Commerce did a fabulous job with lighting, and the tree lighting event was fantastic. I have heard positive comments from many people outside town who attended or happened to be coming through town on December 4<sup>th</sup> for the tree lighting ceremony.

Admin: Sales Tax, December: \$43,213.01. Use Tax, December: \$9,430.55. We are halfway through the current fiscal period. In General Government, we have received 58.8% of expected revenues and spent 55.9% of budgeted expenses. In public works we received 49.0% of expected revenues and spent 48.3% of budgeted expenses.

Projects: The Water Treatment Project is moving forward. The project will eliminate the clearwell and replace it with an inline chlorinator and booster station. The project, estimated at \$543k will be funded by a \$401k REAP grant from ACOG and the balance from ARPA funds. The project is being engineered by Myers Engineering. The project will be listed for sealed competitive bid when the engineering is completed. The public notification system will be rolling out in the coming weeks. The system is up and running at city hall and the library. We are waiting on some additional equipment and will deploy the monitors to any interested businesses in town. The system will cross promote businesses in town and provide a platform for emergency communication with residents.

Parks: The parks are winterized.

Library: The library had a great December, with a total of 92 visitors and 31 computer/Wi-Fi users. The library has a great turnout for Christmas crafts. 9 kids attended the ornament craft on December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11 showed up to make Christmas cookies on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Due to COVID-19 the January crafts and story times have been postponed. For help with virtual library services or curbside pickup, call the library at (405) 310-8200 X6

-Ryan Wallace, City Manager