



October 8, 2019

## City Manager's Report

In addition to normal operations, repairs as a result of storm damage continue. In addition, we have several current and upcoming projects that are requiring significant investments of time. We are beginning to prepare grant applications for upcoming projects and working to keep our current grant projects on track.

**Roads:** We have not made much progress on the roads this month. We recognize the roads need attention but have had little resources available this month to dedicate to roads. When the AMR projects is complete, we will have more time available to complete the roads projects.

**Admin:** Sales Tax: September 2019, \$38,709.36. (Up 6.5% from previous month and down 7.5% from previous year) In the first quarter of the fiscal period (25% of the fiscal year), General Government has spent 26.2% of our planned expenditures and received 32.1% of our expected revenues. In Public Works, we have spent 24.3% of our planned expenditures and received 29.5% of our expected revenues. Ongoing meetings with FEMA continue. Chief Stephens, our Emergency Manager, has taken the lead role in working to get assistance from FEMA. FEMA rules and accounting practices make it unlikely that we will get much assistance from them. Had we not been insured during this emergency, FEMA likely would have provided a lot of help. Because we are insured, we do not meet their \$3,200 threshold for damages across the matrix of projects and loss categories. We received the payout for the totaled Public Works truck damaged in the storms, and need for a new PWA vehicle exists, but we did not have time to research purchase options this month.

**Projects:** The electronic water meter project is underway and should easily be completed within the project deadline of January 10<sup>th</sup>. This month the contractor has installed approximately 350 water meters. We have received the DEQ permit for the water line extension project funded by Indian Health Services. We have asked Trevor Rodgers to provide training for the water line installation. The funding for the training should be largely (or completely) covered by the project P&O. Panel design and construction is underway at the SCADA manufacturer, and on-site installation is expected to start within several weeks. The clearwell pump house is being remodeled. We have installed a new roof, doors, ceiling and panel mount board. To finish the project we need to install a window, paint, flooring repairs and epoxy floor coating. While remodeling the pump house, we had to remove and reinstall the chlorinator. The chlorinator failed in the middle of our routine monthly BacT test. We repaired the chlorinator only hours later and flushed the lines with highly chlorinated water. The test results (processed 24 hours later) showed positive total coliform and e coli. We took action and began a boil order Thursday night, that DEQ made official on Friday morning. We continued to flush and test until DEQ was satisfied there was no possibility of contamination. The boil order was lifted 3 days later on Sunday night. I will release all test results so the public will see all water testing and DEQ inspections.



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**Parks:** The parks are maintained, and we are looking to prepare the lawns for winter maintenance. The lawn care professional we consult with has recommended that we not just apply seasonal preemergent chemicals, but rather take soil samples for analysis so that we can make some soil adjustments, which will promote a healthier environment for the grasses we want to grow, and ultimately a healthier environment for our residents.

**Library:** Operating smoothly. The library hours remain (M & W 10-4, Tu & Th 10-6, F 11-2). The library has seen an increase in patrons this month. The library access road and parking project is underway. The rough grading has been done, and the City Engineer has taken some elevations to assist in grading the (very flat) area for improved drainage. We will purchase and compact gravel once final grade is established, and then turn the project over to The County for asphalt.

-Ryan Wallace, City Manager