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City Manager's Report

The big news this month is Diane Waldrige's generous gift of a swimming pool facility to honor the wishes of her late husband, Parker Waldrige. The council will vote to accept the gift, allow the facility to be named the "Parker Waldrige Aquatics Park", and lease the property to the donor to allow construction to proceed. The project will involve the city engineer and the finished project must comply with state health and safety standards. The plan for the pool project includes an endowment of restricted funds to be used only for pool upkeep and repairs.

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: Bi-annual employee reviews will be starting again this week. **Sales Tax:** September: \$35,778.79. (Down 8.2% from previous month and down 27.6% from previous year) and October: \$30,687.06 (Down 16.59% from the prior month and 47.37% from the previous year.) Four months into the fiscal period (33% of the fiscal year), reports show that General Government has spent 34.3% of our planned expenditures and received 35.6%* of our expected revenues, & Public Works have spent 33.9% of our planned expenditures and received 36.5%* of our expected revenues. Tax revenues have declined substantially below our budget projections, (by more than \$62k to date, projected to grow to \$150k by end of fiscal period) so to continue to balance our monthly and annual budgets, we will need to cut back our already very tight expenditures. The budget adjustments will be painful and will cut into our city services.

Projects: The electronic water meter project is nearly complete. This last billing cycle approximately 2/3 residents had some portion of their bill on an electronic meter. This next bill cycle on the 15th should include nearly all of the electronic meters. We have received the material for the water line extension project funded by Indian Health Services. Trevor Rodgers will provide training and assistance for the water line installation which will begin when a weather window allows. The SCADA (computer that controls city water and sewer systems) vendor is finished building the panels and the system is being programmed and tested. On-site installation and implementation is expected to start within several weeks. The library parking and driveway project is underway. The grading is set, and the gravel is installed. When the weather cooperates, compaction and finish grading will complete preparation for the asphalt. The community center roofing project will begin as soon as a 4 day weather window opens up for the contractor. Ongoing meetings with FEMA to determine project eligibility and assistance.



Parks: Our parks are winterized and preemergent has been applied. Soil samples will be taken when the ground warms up. The process for improving the land by balancing pH and adding nutrients will be on-going with a goal of reducing our dependence on chemicals.

Library: Operating smoothly. The library hours remain (M & W 10-4, Tu & Th 10-6, F 11-2). The library has seen a decrease in patrons this month. The library has a couple of story time events in November on the 8th and 22nd.

-Ryan Wallace, City Manager

* Variation from reported values to remove insurance reimbursements reported as revenue that are overstating our position. This number more accurately represents our revenue received.