



June 11, 2019

City Manager's Report

The last three and a half weeks have been difficult for all Oklahoman's, and Crescent was not immune to severe weather that ravaged our region. The effects of the storm were felt throughout our city services. Only by the seemingly endless hard work of our public works department, emergency services personnel and administrative staff was The City of Crescent able to deliver uninterrupted services to citizens. I would like to take a moment to personally acknowledge the long hard hours, the ingenuity and vigilance that kept water flowing, rescued stranded motorists and protected still more drivers from storm damaged roads.

Storm Damage: Storms starting May 7th have taken a toll on Crescent. On May 22nd the City Hall building was struck by lightning. The strike resulted in damage to every computer and phone within the building, including the SCADA system...the computer system that controls water and wastewater pumps throughout the city. The loss of the SCADA system, caused concern as we reverted to manual controls and some backup systems. On May 23rd, as a result of the storm damage sustained to date, The City of Crescent declared a Local Disaster Emergency, and began the process of documenting the emergency response. By May 24th, with more storms inbound, Crescent Emergency Services were formally convened, along with Logan County Emergency Management and Department of Environmental Quality to begin to plan for a potential emergency wastewater discharge. The discharge of treated sewage from our 'Total Retention' sewage lagoon system was authorized, and the controlled discharge prevented a catastrophic failure of our sewage treatment lagoons which would have sent millions of gallons of untreated sewage into Oklahoma waterways. Because of the saturated condition of our region, each additional storm continues to torment us, doing far more damage than we would expect to see from the amount of rainfall we experience. On June 2nd, President Trump authorized FEMA to provide assistance to several of the hardest hit counties within Oklahoma. By June 9th, the disaster area was increased to include Logan county. We expect that the otherwise catastrophic financial effects of the storm damage will largely be shouldered by our insurance carrier, and FEMA.

Admin: Sales Tax Report. (May 2019, \$47,060.64) At present, in General Government we have spent 83.2% of our planned expenditures and received 99.8% of our expected revenues. In Public Works, we have spent 84.1% of our planned expenditures and received 90.3% of our expected revenues. We expect that the immediate disaster response will likely wipeout any budget surplus we had accrued by the end of this fiscal year, but expect to be reimbursed for most of the disaster related funds expenditures in FY19-20.



Projects: The water line extension project, primarily funded by Indian Health Services, has been approved and signed by the Tribe. We are waiting for the signed agreement to reach us before we can begin construction. The water database is completed and will be used by employees after a training period. The electronic water meter project is currently out for bid. We will open the sealed bids on June 24th. Construction will begin as soon as practical.

Parks: The Crescent Marketplace has been open on Saturday mornings. They have had some traffic, but expect much more when crops start coming in. Mowing season has been stalled. Our public works staff have tried to mow between breaks in the storm, with limited success. As stated before, the City plans to mow every Wednesday...weather permitting. I have discussed another inmate training class with sheriff, Damon Devereaux. He will let us know when the next one can be scheduled. Last weekend Keep Crescent Beautiful organized The Great American Cleanup. Volunteers showed up and worked all around the City picking up trash and litter and pulling weeds and planting plants and flowers. Locations served included the park, Community Center, City Hall, Grand Ave. and various streets around town.

Library: Operating smoothly. The librarian has been continuing to assist with the Farmers Market. June 3rd started a new Summer Reading Series called "A Universe of Stories." The first event of the series is making "Galaxy Bookmarks" on June 14th. Currently there are 10 kids registered.

Roads: Well...they're just a mess right now. We have seen much damage from the storms. We have made temporary repairs where roads were closed and worked with Logan County to assist opening roads that The City needs to gain access to our fresh water wells. We are working to identify all storm damage so that we can build a recovery plan. We want to remind folks that keeping bar ditches clear is the responsibility of residents. We are seeing a lot of stagnant water. Please keep your ditches clear, so everyone's property will drain properly.

Thank you,
Ryan Wallace
City Manager