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City Manager's Report

Although the weather has been hot, we are thankful Mother Nature has given us a break from the storms. The focus has been evaluating storm damage and moving the repair and replacement process forward. The pending repair items include some computer equipment, the entire SCADA system (the system that controls the water and sewer systems), and roads.

Roads: The storm damage is still apparent in the roads; despite the repairs we have made to-date. Many of the repairs we made were only temporary repairs designed to build the road base and improve our final repair as things dry out. We continue to prioritize the busiest and most heavily damaged areas first, and with back to school, the areas around school are receiving much of our attention. We have reprogrammed the 25 MPH speed limit lights on Sanderson. They will flash from 7am-4pm Monday thru Friday.

Admin: Sales Tax Report. (July 2019, \$33,055.54) In the first month of the new fiscal period, General Government has spent 9.2% of our planned expenditures and received 11.7% of our expected revenues. Damages from the storms have resulted in some unplanned spending, however we expect to be reimbursed for the majority of it. In Public Works, we have spent 7.5% of our planned expenditures and received 10.0% of our expected revenues. Again....some unplanned expenses are expected to be reimbursed.

Projects: The electronic water meter project pre-construction meeting was held and the notice to proceed was given. We expect the project to start on September 10th and be completed within 120 days. The project will entail brief service disruptions (usually less than 30 minutes) to every resident in town, as the old meters are replaced by the new meters. The contractor has a transition team working with our accounting software vendor to build the data bridge necessary to import monthly meter readings. The water line extension project is proceeding. We expect to have notice to proceed on the 2 REAP grant funded projects. (Roof at Community Center and Driveway and parking at Library)

Parks: The parks are functional, and thanks to First Baptist Church's outreach project called 'Church Has Left The Building' the swings have been reinstalled. The splash pad is operational and will remain available for use until the day after Labor Day, September 3rd. That will give us time to work sewer lagoon levels down before the end of the year, and time to properly winterize the splash pad.

Library: Operating smoothly. The librarian has been continuing to assist with the Farmers Market. The library hours remain (M & W 10-4, Tu & Th 10-6, F 11-2). The library has seen an increase in patrons...especially computer users.

-Ryan Wallace, City Manager