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City Manager's Report

Admin: The City Clerk has completed reconciliation of July, the first month of the current fiscal year. Diligent adherence to the budget has resulted in ending the financial month on target. The Clerk is working with our CPA firm to ensure the fiscal period beginning balances properly reflect the fund balances. We are delivering new financial reports to council this month, and will continue to refine the reports each month until we are satisfied.

Projects: REAP grant applications are being submitted for economic development and roads. We can apply for 4 grants in this funding cycle, and we are working closely with ACOG to develop our grant applications in a way that maximizes our chances for approval and most effectively helps town. Projects being considered include: Driveway and parking around the library, road project on W. Washington, PWA storage building, Community Center rehab, road pavement repairs, and others. Surplus property website is online, surplus property will be added on a continuous basis. www.cityofcrescent.com/auction Online bill pay for water bills is underway. Residents will be able to receive their invoices electronically via email and pay for city services online. Paper bills will still be available for residents who do not want electronic statements.

Mowing: The city is aggressively mowing the city image properties. Mowing and weed eating the city infrastructure properties including, lift station, lagoons, fresh water wells. Response from the public has been positive.

Roads: Continuing to use inmate labor to improve the roads. Developing a closer working relationship with the county by sharing the drive to LCSO detention facility to transport inmate laborers, saving both the city and county district 3 money. Working with local businesses who use the roads to assist the city in repairing them. Shout out to Cody Lescher at CE&L for assistance with a donation of gravel and weekly hauling of asphalt, which will save the city thousands of dollars this year.

Wastewater: The lift station grinder (replaced in Feb 2017) was failing. The vendor pulled the grinder for inspection...awaiting results. The city has been running the pivot despite frequent breakdowns caused by deferred maintenance. Good hay season....the first cut netted 168 bales. We anticipate at least one more cut this year. The lagoon levels are full, but we expect them to start dropping as the splash pad usage begins to decline. One of two irrigation pumps is offline, but the system works acceptably with one pump. The city will have the second pump repaired before spring, if budget allows. At the end of the season, we will properly winterize the pivot, and next spring we will install new boots and other consumables.

Fresh Water: The water standpipe is completed and online. The new standpipe adds 450,000 gallons of treated water to the city water supply. The engineering firm (Cardinal) has scheduled the final inspection and anticipates signoff by the end of the month. The additional treated water supply provides increased reserve capacity for high demand times and improves firefighting capabilities, as well as reducing the frequency of lift pump cycles, helping to prolong their lifespan.