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City Manager's Report

**City Hall continues to be impacted by COVID with employees and their family members becoming ill or having to quarantine. We urge everyone to continue to take precautions.** The City continues to work with State and Local health department officials to keep our citizens and staff safe as the COVID-19 disease continues in the United States. I would like to remind people to take basic steps to continue to reduce the spread of disease.

This month we continue to focus on storm debris cleanup from the October ice storms and burning the debris within the constraints imposed by DEQ and EPA. We have completed our first pass of the city and are processing our enormous debris pile. The second round of cleanup will begin when we have sufficient room to stage the debris, likely in January. On New Year's day, many residents were without power as storms had damaged power lines feeding the East side of town. OG&E worked to restore power as quickly as possible and power was restored to most residents within a day.

Admin: Sales Tax, Sept: \$32,089.94. We are currently 50% of the way into the fiscal period. Reports show that General Government has spent 49.6% of our planned expenditures and received 60.7% of our expected revenues. Public Works have spent 50.0% of our planned expenditures and received 53.3% of our expected revenues.

Projects: Signage for the Hunt Family Basketball court is completed. The City will construct framing similar to the adjacent Log Cabin Library sign for installation. The PWA building specifications are established and will be used to gather quotes from suppliers.

Parks: The parks were heavily impacted by the October ice storm. Public works staff has cleaned most of the debris from the parks, but the trees will need service from an arborist to help preserve them. The damaged playground equipment has been evaluated by the insurance company and is awaiting quotes from suppliers.

Library: The Library is offering curbside delivery and taking steps to ensure the books and equipment are clean, to reduce the COVID infection rates. The librarian continues to assist folks who would like to join the free virtual services offered by our library on the Overdrive platform. The Library has seen a great increase in Overdrive usage as many more patrons have virtually checked out books and audio books for free.

-Ryan Wallace, City Manager