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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. Andy Stephens will report vaccination resources available to the public.

This month we finished burning the first round of storm debris cleanup from the October ice storms and began picking up the second and final round of storm debris. We will move from the North side of town toward the South side, like we did in the initial pickup. We expect the cleanup to take approximately 4 weeks. Burning the debris will last through the spring and into the summer.

Admin: Sales Tax, Jan: \$31,081.33(-9.4% previous month, -9.1% previous year). We are currently 67% of the way into the fiscal period. Reports show that General Government has spent 63.9% of our planned expenditures and received 73.8% of our expected revenues. Public Works have spent 64.4% of our planned expenditures and received 68.7% of our expected revenues.

Projects: We have finished the Capital Improvement Plan, a project designed to assess needs for the next 5-10 years and assist leadership in allocating resources for large upcoming projects. We will present the final project tonight, at the March council meeting, where Council Members will move to accept the recommendation and adopt the CIP.

Parks: The ice storm damaged playground equipment is still being evaluated by the equipment suppliers, and we are negotiating with the insurance company for the best possible outcome for residents. Storm debris continues to be removed from the park, as winds continue to cause limbs to fall. I have asked the PWA to find arborists to provide quotes for the trimming of the trees to try to mitigate the ice storm damage and preserve them.

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