



April 13, 2021

## City Manager's Report

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.

Keep Crescent Beautiful and The Log Cabin Library will be hosting The Great American Cleanup, which will take place on April 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am until Noon. Check in will be in front of City Hall. Instructions and supplies will be handed out at that time.

**Admin:** Sales Tax, Jan: \$32,687.38 (+4.9 % previous month, +7.5% previous year). We are currently 75% of the way into the fiscal period. Reports show that General Government has spent 70.5% of our planned expenditures and received 81.2% of our expected revenues. Public Works have spent 73.3% of our planned expenditures and received 77.0% of our expected revenues.

**Projects:** In March we began picking up the second round of storm debris from the October 2020 ice storm. We started picking up on the west side of town, beginning north and moving south. We expect the cleanup to take approximately 6 more weeks. Because of the limited number of possible burn days, burning the debris will last into the summer. We have seen an increase in building permits as a result of storm damage repairs as well as demolition and new building construction. The City is moving forward on the metal building at the public works yard. We have received quotes from 2 of the 3 building suppliers we initially contacted. All have seen increases of approximately 35%. Current quotes are approximately \$28k for the metal building shell and delivery dates are in the fall. I will present options next month for council approval.

**Parks:** Most of the debris has been picked up at the parks, and the trees were trimmed before they started to bud. PWA installed an electrical box on the corner of the old WPA pool house to facilitate vendors and food trucks at the Farmers Market. The city has a list of things we would like to improve on from the 4<sup>th</sup> of July last year, the most significant is a new restroom facility. I have been approached by several parents asking for improvements to the ball field lighting at the park. I am reaching out to our corporate partners as well as local coaches for help finding stadium lights for the park ballfield. Jimmy Nealis is trying to secure light plants for the baseball/softball games this season. The city will rent more porta-potties to help ensure proper sanitation.

**Library:** The Library is still offering curbside delivery. The librarian continues to assist setting folks up on the Overdrive online reading platform. The Library has seen an increasing number of in-person patrons this month. March 5<sup>th</sup> was a Dr. Seuss story time and craft, during Dr. Seuss week. April 2<sup>nd</sup> was an Easter story time and craft. April 23<sup>rd</sup> will be story time and painting birdhouses. The summer reading program will begin on June 1<sup>st</sup> and end July 9<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is Tails and Tales.

-Ryan Wallace, City Manager