



City Manager's Report

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Admin: Sales Tax, July: \$32,123.23. Use Tax, July: \$5,521.84. We are two months into the current fiscal period. In General Government, we have received 22.9% of expected revenues and spent 22.7% of budgeted expenses. In public works we received 16.4% of expected revenues and spent 18.2% of budgeted expenses. Code Enforcement activities are very active. We have had more activity this year than in previous years.

Projects: We have submitted the OWRB REAP grant application for \$150,000.00 for the purpose of refurbishment of the elevated water tower, as defined as our top infrastructure need in the Capitol Improvement Project (CIP) completed earlier this year. The refurbishment (interior and exterior) is projected to cost \$260,000.00. Two grant applications are in process for ACOG REAP grants. (Only one can be awarded.) The first application is for \$100,000.00 for the refurbishment of the elevated water tower and the second, also for \$100,000.00, will be for refurbishment of the roadway located on West Washington. If we are successful with either (or both) water tower grants, we can use city reserves or ARPA funds for the balance. The new police Dodge Charger is in service. The new vehicle (with warranty) is projected to save the city several thousand dollars per year. The cost of the vehicle payment is substantially less than our maintenance costs for the vehicle we replaced in each of the last 2 years. We are considering consolidating the 2 remaining police vehicles into another new Dodge Charger, as it is also projected to save the city money, and increase reliability. The city has ordered replacement computer equipment for storm damaged items replaced by our insurance claim. The city website was refreshed and includes current information. The design for a new website is underway and should be rolled out by the end of the year.

Parks: We have installed new led lights for the park. We are waiting to see the next energy bill. We expect the lights to pay for themselves within a year, in energy savings. The Splash Pad was slated to close after Labor Day, however with the heat, we decided to extend the season this year...perhaps until the end of September. In the future, we may decide to change the open season, permanently extending it.

Library: The library is operating smoothly, with a total of eighty-one visitors and twenty-two computer/Wi-Fi users. Events for the month of September include a dreamcatcher craft on September 10th and a monster bookmark craft on September 24th. We will also continue to do virtual story time; this will be posted to our Facebook page every Wednesday.

-Ryan Wallace, City Manager