



City Manager's Report

November 9, 2021

Admin: Sales Tax, September: \$39,499.49. Use Tax, July: \$7,359.73. We are four months into the current fiscal period. In General Government, we have received 40.7% of expected revenues and spent 40.3% of budgeted expenses. In public works we received 33.1% of expected revenues and spent 33.0% of budgeted expenses.

Projects: As you know, we have submitted 3 grant applications for 2 grant opportunities. (OWRB REAP grant for water tower refurbishment \$150k, ACOG REAP grant for water tower refurbishment \$100k, ACOG REAP grant for clear well rehabilitation \$100k.) The city was unsuccessful in the OWRB REAP grant this year, scoring third behind Marshall and Orlando. We are hopeful that we will win one of our ACOG REAP grant applications. The city has been awarded ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds in the amount of approximately \$277k. The funds need to be used in the next several fiscal cycles on eligible projects. More information about the program is being released regularly. The city is still waiting for Dell computer equipment ordered in August for storm damaged items replaced by an insurance claim. The new stainless steel pump adapters to mount the new pump to the existing lift station flange, have arrived and will be installed after the final threading operations are completed. The annual city financial audit is underway. The city website has been updated with links to all building code books available online. The website also now includes the city codes and ordinances in a searchable format and we are updating the numbering schema for consistency. The next step will be the legal review, then adoption of any new codes to ensure compliance with all current laws.

Parks: The parks are winterized. In the City Park, all lights have been changed out with new LED lights, and we ironed out some electrical gremlins in the light wiring circuits. The new lights consume much less energy, while providing much more usable light. The lights are currently on a dusk to dawn sensor, so the parks are fully illuminated every night. In the future, we are still looking for funding opportunities for a permanent bathroom facility and better lighting for the ball field.

Library: The library is operating smoothly, with a total of 71 visitors and 28 computer/Wi-Fi users. The Library was successful in a grant application for \$3,000 to be used for tablets. Trunk or Treat was successful with 18 trunks/businesses passing out candy to local kids. The Halloween craft at the Library was also a hit...11 kids attended. Upcoming events include story time on Wednesday, Nov 10th, Wednesday November 17th, a Thanksgiving story and craft on Friday, November 19th, and a scarecrow magnet story and craft on Wednesday, November 24th.

-Ryan Wallace, City Manager