City Manager's Report

February 8, 2022

City took additional steps to reduce COVID infections, however many employees were affected in December and January. Thankfully, this latest round of COVID was not as long lasting and affected fewer people than previous spikes of infection, but it was not without toll. Our hearts go out to the families and friends who have suffered loss recently, including several family members of our staff.

Admin: (Current Numbers haven't posted yet.). Sales Tax, December: $43,213.01. Use Tax, December: $9,430.55.   We are 58% of the way through the current fiscal period. In General Government, we have received 68.8% of expected revenues and spent 63.3% of budgeted expenses. In public works we received 57.2% of expected revenues and spent 55.2% of budgeted expenses.

Projects: The Water Treatment Project is moving forward. The project will eliminate the clearwell and replace it with an inline chlorinator and booster station. The project, estimated at $543k will be funded by a $401k REAP grant from ACOG and the balance from ARPA funds. The project is being engineered and administered by Myers Engineering. The project will be listed for sealed competitive bid when the engineering is completed. The public notification system will be rolling out in the coming weeks. The system is up and running at city hall and the library. The system will cross promote businesses in town and provide a platform for emergency communication with residents. We have partnered with the Crescent Chamber of Commerce, to install the monitors in business locations that will provide the most economic benefit to residents and increase visibility of important information.

Parks: The parks are winterized.

Library: The library is operating smoothly, with a total of 79 visitors and 22 computer/Wi-Fi users. Due to COVID, the January crafts were cancelled. Upcoming events for February include virtual story time on February 9th, 16th, and 23rd, and crafts on February 11th and 25th.

-Ryan Wallace, City Manager