



City Manager's Report

March 8, 2022

Our hearts go out to the people of Ukraine, who were invaded by neighboring Russia. The Ukrainian people have demonstrated amazing resolve by and providing serious resistance to the invasion forces.

Admin: Sales Tax, February: \$36,574.65. Use Tax, December: \$9,872.21. We are 67% of the way through the current fiscal period. In General Government, we have received 79% of expected revenues and spent 69.5% of budgeted expenses. In public works we received 65.1% of expected revenues and spent 62.0% of budgeted expenses. We are making some changes to the water and sewer connection fee schedule to reflect current parts costs. We are also changing the sewer taps to be completed by public works personnel, rather than licensed plumbers. This is in response to issues we have uncovered with previous shoddy workmanship on sewer tap connections to our sewer system. Lastly, we are requiring Roofing Contractors to register with the city. This will help to ensure residents avoid substandard workmanship including predatory roofing contractors who often show up after hailstorms.

Projects: The Water Treatment Project will move forward in 2022. The project will eliminate the clear-well and replace it with a more modern inline chlorinator and booster station. The \$543k project, will be funded by a \$401k REAP grant from ACOG and the balance from ARPA funds. We are currently waiting for the 'Notice To Proceed' from ACOG before we can begin construction. The notice and grant award contract will be sent out in July 2022.

We have ordered metal roofing material for the well houses. We will need to order lumber when we are ready to proceed with new roofs.

I have a quote for new roofing material for the Farmers Market pavilion. We are considering the cost of replacing the roof vs. painting the existing roof metal as originally planned.

I am requesting quotes for application of pre-emergent and fertilizer to the city properties.

Parks: The parks are winterized.

Library: The library is operating smoothly, with a total of 69 visitors and 32 computer/Wi-Fi users. We had 7 kids attend the Valentine's Day craft and 13 attend the Pearler Bead craft.

Upcoming events for the month of March include virtual story time on March 2nd, 16th and 30th, a Dr. Seuss week on March 4th as well as a St. Patrick's Day craft on March 17th.

-Ryan Wallace, City Manager