

FROM: Bill Lawrence, City Manager

DATE: April 26,2019

TO: Commissioners

SUBJECT: Manager's Report

I met with Bill Lambert, **EDC Director for Hardee County** on Tuesday morning. Bill gave me an introduction of his role as EDC Director and the Economic Development Council. We discussed housing problems and utilities expansion.

I met with the **City's Attorney, Gerald Buhr** on Tuesday. We discussed some issues facing the City of Bowling Green. Gerald also assured me that I had chosen a great City to serve. We discussed our backgrounds and I believe we will have a great working relationship.

On Wednesday, I met with **Evelyn Guffey and Park Winter** and took a tour of the water plant, pump stations, and wastewater plant. This tour was extremely helpful in understanding the current issues facing the construction of the plants.

Manager's Meeting was held on Thursday morning. I discussed my management philosophy and current projects. We went around the table to discuss their concerns, understand their job functions and ongoing projects. Carmen has worked on uploading information on our website and making changes. Wayne said they have started repairing the pot holes. A new fire hydrant will be installed on Grove Street next week.

Waste Water System had a circuit breaker blow Wednesday night at the main panel. This resulted in the lift stations being filled by morning. The circuit breaker had been replaced but spillage at the waste water plant still occurred the next morning when the effluent pumps were overworked. This will require a DEP report. The new plants for water and waste/waterr should be completed by the end of summer.