

FROM: Bill Lawrence, City Manager

DATE: May 31, 2019

TO: Commissioners

SUBJECT: Manager's Report

Mosquito Spraying was done in Bowling Green this past Monday evening.

Public Works has been working on the other half of the city hall roof this week.

Wayne and I met with Colon Lambert and his client who may purchase land on Edison Street across from Public Works. This is outside the city limits. They are requesting water & sewer from the City of Bowling Green. Wayne believes the current tap fee figures should cover all the expenses. On Friday morning Wayne and I spoke with County Manager, Lex Albritton to see what would be needed to open the county road. Lex will be getting back to us. This would increase water/sewer revenue with minimal cost.

Ridge League Scholarships: I have applied for the Ridge League scholarship to attend the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference in August. This will be a great chance to network with leaders across the state and exchange ideas. This will also give me a chance to meet new vendors and find ways to deliver services to the city that are cost effective. I will be attending the **Sunshine Law and Ethics training** this Saturday in Winter Haven.

Central Florida Regional Planning Council: The Mayor had set up a meeting with Jennifer Codo-Salisbury Thursday afternoon. Jennifer explained what services they provide for the City of Bowling Green. We did discuss some administrative work that needs to be updated. The Mayor explained that the City of Bowling Green is in partnership with Habitat for Humanity and had Leslie Long explain The Grove Project. They discussed a zone/ordinance change for the location behind Wauchula State Bank for this project.

I met with the **Hardee County Fire Chief, Joe Walker** on Thursday Morning. I had received a letter from Pennoni, our engineering firm, that the Waste/Water Plant was denied a building permit for the electrical building. The reason for the denial was that the road is not 20' in width and paved for the fire apparatus to get into the plant. The Chief stated that this was in the original plans. We discussed how to resolve the issue and agreed that the surface of the road did not have to be paved. The surface could be cheaper material but must be able to withstand 44 tons. The road is required to be 20' in width. The chief agreed to give a permit with an engineer sign off on the road material and the roadwork to be completed within 6 months. The Chief is requesting a letter from the City indicating the road work will be done and he will issue the permit.