

FROM: Bill Lawrence, City Manager

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TO: Commissioners

SUBJECT: Manager's Report

Hurricane Dorian Prep: The crews have been busy picking up debris and filling up the vehicles and equipment with gas. There are sandbags at City Hall you can pick up. The sand is at Pyatt Park. A special thanks too Hardee County for the sand and bags. 10 bags are allowed per residence. The Commission will be holding an Emergency Meeting Friday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. to Declare a State of Emergency for Hurricane Dorian. Please go to our website for helpful hints on how to prepare for a Hurricane <https://www.bowlinggreenfl.org>

Feeding Tampa Bay was a huge success on Saturday. I want to thank volunteers, Commissioner Spinks, Carmen Silva, Amy & Wayne Prine, Kathy Lawrence and Sgt. Coronado for all the help they gave Saturday morning. The program will be back on September 28th at the same time and location. We still need volunteers. Looking for those who want to contribute an hour to help others.

Annual Drinking Water Fee: I applied for the waiver for the City of Bowling Green and received it this week from DEP. This saves the city \$2,000 in annual fees. **USDA Annual Statement of Budget, Income and Equity** was completed for this fiscal year.

Public Works: Cayla has pressured washed all generators at the lift stations for Paige. Cayla has pressure washed the fence at Centanino Park and all picnic tables. We painted 1 hydrant on the highway last Friday, which we will continue as weather and time permits. I have finished the proof for the Centanino Park monument plaque and am waiting for the results before ordering. We are going to have to do some **repairs tomorrow to the MLK park bathroom as someone over the weekend tore the sink off the wall.** Two temps are continuing to keep the mowing up. We have had a few guys weed eating some of the ditches around town. I also took care of the dog pound for Trina while she was gone. I marked one grave for placement of headstone.

Wayne finished the monument today for Centanino park. His crew did some trimming of school bus routes. Wayne has plans to work on the Dixiana road shoulder for DOT. He had 2 leaks over the weekend, one had to be done Monday due to having to cut out sidewalk and will be replaced next week. He will be working on fixing the yellow safety pads on sidewalk corners on Main / Dixiana. We are looking in to ordering a pallet of meter boxes to continue replacing meters. Wayne will do some research on placement of the next fire hydrant. Amy Prine

Water Audit was held Thursday in the meeting room. Thomas Kiger of South West Florida Management District spoke to us about his audit. He was concerned on how we produce more water than billed. We determined that the meters, check values and billing did not appear to be the issue. He recommends another meter accuracy test done at the well stations. Thomas said however that we still fit in the acceptable parameters.

Bowling Green Police Department: We had a house fire reported on Grove Street that was suspicious and we are working jointly with the State Fire Marshall's Office in the investigation. We also had a serious false imprisonment and domestic battery reported on Maple Ave and we are in the process of obtaining an arrest warrant for the suspect that fled the scene prior to are arrival. We are also closely monitoring Hurricane Dorian this week and all staff has been placed on standby. Chief Scheel, Bowling Green PD