

FROM: Bill Lawrence, City Manager

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TO: Commissioners

SUBJECT: Manager's Report

PRECO: We have reached out to PRECO to see if they would attend a commission meeting to explain their billing statements and they have respectfully declined. The issue appears to be the Bowling Green citizens have had increases in their bills with explanations that their bill encompasses city services. I have never personally seen this on any electrical company bills. Your taxes for city services are billed through Hardee County. Your water, sewer and trash are billed directly from the City of Bowling Green. We collect a franchise fee from any utility that is in the city's right-of-way. This is common practice across our country. All revenues received from the general fund goes to offset the general fund expenses to keep your property taxes down. The estimated revenue we receive from PRECO is \$85,000 that is used to offset the General Fund expenses. This was the same amount the city received from DUKE. They told us that if you have any questions on your bill to call them directly. I will check the information on the bills we receive. If I see anything out of line, I will call the CEO of PRECO for a meeting.

Legislative Appropriation Request has been submitted to Melony Bell's Office. The request is for \$100,000 for the following purpose. The City of Bowling Green is experiencing high wastewater plant influent flows during rain events apparently as a result of inflow and infiltration (I/I) to its sanitary sewer system. These additional I/I flows take up the capacity of the City's wastewater treatment plant and result of additional expenditures to treat the higher wastewater plant flows. The City desires to conduct a Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Study (SSES) to determine the sources of the I/I including the following:

- Updating of wastewater collection system maps
- Analysis of wastewater lift station run times/flows to determine areas of the wastewater collection system
- Comparison of wastewater flows versus precipitation data
- Close Circuit Television (CCTV) inspection of sewer pipes where I/I is suspected
- Smoke testing of sewer pipes
- Recommendation of remedial measures for discovered sewer piping, manhole, and sewer service defects
- Preparation of an SSES Report

Public Works: Last week Cayla drove the garbage truck one day and the boom truck a few days due to Robert being out so we could get caught up on picking up brush and furniture around town. I finished the U.S.M.C hydrant this morning. Cayla has a little more work to finish the Army hydrant. Today, Cayla and I directed traffic at Hwy 17 and Main St due to the red light being out. I am working on my next hydrant drawing. We will be making a trip to Sam's club for supplies for multiple departments. Cayla will be starting meter readings on Friday. I am having Delvin pick up roadside trash today after the garbage route and will have them clean City Hall tomorrow after lunch to be ready for the commission meeting. I am also planning on working on a street sign list. Amy Prine

Wayne and 2 guys put in the check valve at the Myrick lift station this morning and he says it went very well. Last Wed and Thurs they did some smoke testing and on Friday they fixed approx. 8 broken lines. They also fixed the John Deere mower. Wayne plans on starting the pole barn on Tuesday and will try to work on it for few days. Wayne Prine See the attached Florid Rural Water smoke test results!

Water Plant Progress Meeting: Jim Hall presiding over the meeting Tuesday morning. There has been delays in receiving material from the suppliers to Censtate. Jim Hall has held them to the Fire for a January 7th completion date. See the minutes of the meeting attached.

Manager's Meeting was held Wednesday morning. Amy said they had placed the 4 way signs up at the stop signs that were missing them. They have received the battery for the School Zone Light on Main Street and will replace the old battery. Robert has been welding a dumpster and will be getting it ready for paint. PRECO has asked Amy to get better addresses and just not pole numbers for the light replacement. Carmen said she was busy archiving social media post. She has reached out to PRECO to see if they would be at the next Commission Meeting to explain their bills. The staff is getting ready for the next round of audits. Wayne said they will be starting the Pole Barn construction at Public Works. Chief Scheel said they will be having a site visit by the Department of Juvenile Justice next week. Paige said they pulled the pump at the Myrick lift station. Evelyn said she had been working with FDOT on cleaning the ditch by the wastewater plant. FDOT is researching the right of way before they agree to clean it out.