

FROM: Bill Lawrence, City Manager
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TO: Commissioners
SUBJECT: Manager's Report

The Ridge League of Cities Dinner Meeting in Wauchula was held Thursday night. The City of Bowling Green was awarded the Traveling Trophy for having the most in attendance at 19. A good time was had by all. Congrats to the City of Wauchula for sponsoring a great event.

Police Department News: Sgt Eddie Coronado had school zone patrol this week and spotted a speeding vehicle operating in the school zone on Highway 17. Sgt. Coronado conducted a traffic stop that led to arrest and the seizure of a significant amount of K-2 (synthetic marijuana) taken off the street. Great Job Sgt. Coronado!

Clerk's News: This week we had 3 sign-off's. I had a couple of public records requests that I had to work on. I also worked on our Vehicle Schedule with FMIT. I went to the tag office to get the new title paperwork completed for Wayne's new truck. I also completed our coverage forms for our vehicle insurance and sent those off to the Florida League of Cities. I reached out to Pennoni and Mosaic in regard to our Christmas luncheon. I also worked on the rezoning signs for the Hodges property on Martin Luther King Drive. We had some cemetery locates this week and I'm working with a customer on the purchase of 3 burial plots. I met with the United Way representative and received some materials for the office. I worked with Maricruz on adjustments and made some corrections to the Pioneer Creek and Avion Palms billing. I also had to reschedule the employee health assessments for January. My week also consisted of getting everything ready for the City's Christmas lunch next week. M. Carmen Silva, City Clerk

Wauchula Christmas Parade: Mayor Spinks, Vice Mayor Tucker, Officers Locke & Molitor, Carmen, Vicky, Kathy and I participated in the parade this year in Wauchula.

Wastewater Plant Open House was held Tuesday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. which as advertised as a Public Meeting. All the City of Bowling Green's Commissioners were present along with Hardee County Manager Lex Albritton, new County Manager Lawrence McNaul and County Commissioner Flores, Bowling Green wastewater staff and Hardee County Utilities Department were also represented. Jim Hall the project Manager for Pennoni gave the presentation showing the old plant first and then the introduction to the new plant. Pennoni was represented by several staff members. A special thanks to all parties involved!

City of Bowling Green Christmas Parade will be held this Saturday at 6:00 p.m. The City's Christmas Party will be held on Friday December 20th starting at noon. A special thanks to Mosaic for providing the lunch. All City Commissioners are invited.

Christmas Lights: A Special Thanks to Wayne, Amy and their crew with an assist by the City of Wauchula for putting out the awesome Christmas Lights.

FDEP Compliance Evaluation Inspection at our Wastewater Plant: Erica Peck of FDEP has notified us this week of the results of the inspection conducted on November 15, 2019. The facility has been determined to be in compliance. Great Job Paige, JC, Evelyn and staff!

1. **Road Widening at the Wastewater Plant:** Wayne met with Juanita Gaitan, Fire Prevention Officer for Hardee County Fire. The building permit for the electrical building was held up this summer because the road into the electrical building was not wide enough for the fire apparatus. I had negotiated with Chief Walker that if we could get the permit for construction to continue, we would fix the road after the contractors left the plant. Juanita showed Wayne the areas of concern. Wayne said he and his crew could do the work with a couple loads of shell. We will start the road widening the first of January.

Animal Control: Trina reports the dangerous dog case was postponed in court until the first of the year. The new Animal Control Ordinance draft has been completed and is under review. She is currently working on a neglect case and picked up two stray dogs this week. Kevin King of the Hardee County Health Dept. has obtained approval to pay for Trina's training in February on mosquito control. Trina has been working with Melissa Fox to closing out the current CDBG grant.