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Manager's Report

2/28/2020

By Bill Lawrence

Public Works: The crew did line locates for a hydrant placement on Mitchell and Epps. The crew jetted a few manholes due to a customer complaint on Bryan Ave, then had to do a small repair on the jetter.

The crew flushed hydrants on the west side of the city but the county advised that maybe they should wait until the water plant comes online at the end of March. A few potholes were filled on various streets. They did 1 day of burning brush at the burn pile. They will also have a slow galvanized 2" water leak to fix on Monday that was discovered this past week. Some more shell was placed at the entrance of the parking lot at the Centaninio Park. Wayne

Cayla read meters this week. I worked on the re-reads Thursday & Friday and will finish up Monday as Maricruz completes them. We did door hangers on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning. I had Delvin & Kyle work on the garbage truck and mowing on Wednesday. I marked a grave on Friday for a funeral for Monday. I put clear coat on all Main St hydrants that I painted. I have only 2 more on West Main to do. Next week, Cayla and I will be working on street signs. Our new temp staff crew member will start on Monday. I'm working on a 2nd quote for some dumpster replacement bottoms to fix a few spare dumpsters that we have. The playground equipment at Centaninio Park needed some repairs. The crew this week has done tree trimming. Amy

EDA Meeting with Recreation Grant Presentation was on Monday morning. There were great presentations done and Mayor Spinks did the presentation for the City of Bowling Green's request for \$246,400 for Pyatt and Centaninio Parks improvements. The total amount request was \$3,313,899 and the EDA has \$2,500,000. I do feel we have a good chance for at least some of the funding. The ranking and award meeting will be held on March 30th at 8:30 a.m.

Effluent Disposal Project: Roger Homann and I had a conference call with Brent White of SWFWMD. Brent has reviewed the “Agreement to Furnishing Reclaim Water”. This was a required submittal for the Cooperative Funding Agreement. The issue of concern is Section 3.1 (9) Upon ten day written notice to the COBG, if Mosaic’s use of the Reclaimed Water shall reduce Mosaic’s authorized withdrawal of water under its Water Use Permit No. 203669 issued by the SWFWMD. This violates the purpose of the District’s agreement. If Mosaic terminates the Bowling Green agreement, SWFWMD could have justification to require repayment of the grant amount by the City.



Bowling Green’s City Commission: Left to right, Commissioner Gardner, Vice Mayor Mary Alice Tucker, Commissioner Fite, Commissioner Durastanti, Attorney Buhr and Mayor Spinks.

Police News: Chief Scheel is ordering his new radios with Motorola Solutions under the Municipal Lease Purchase Program that was authorized during the Budget process in September. The 10 car burglaries were solved this week. Great Job Sgt. Coronado!

Water Plant Progress Meeting was held Tuesday morning. The holdup is one Flow Meter that has not arrived from Tonka. Once it arrives it will be installed, and testing will start. We were looking at the end of March deadline, but we are not sure it will be met.

CRA Reporting Webinar was done on Tuesday afternoon and was attend by Carmen and myself.

Manager’s Meeting was held Wednesday morning.

Waster Water Plant: Paige was welcomed back. Paige said she has been cleaning up the plant and the clarifiers. She has finished her water books. Evelyn said that filter replacement for the Nano System is \$51,000 and is speaking with Roger Homann to see if there is any money in the grant budget to buy a spare. Hardee County Utilities will be holding a 2-day operators’ class!

Clerk’s Office: Carmen said ordinances are being codified. Medi Test Drug Screening policy has changed and requires more information. She has been busy with the cemetery plots and completed the Mobile Food Truck Application.

Animal Control Officer: I attended the Florida Animal Control Association Conference in Orlando. I clocked 20 + hours in classes with exciting topics.

- Dangerous Dog Investigator Certification Course
- Partnering with Law Enforcement on Anti-Cruelty Initiatives
- Why Everyone Hates Pet Licensing
- Chemical Immobilization Tips and Techniques
- Officer Safety: Effective Communication
- Customer Service is Everyone's Job
- Real Life Challenges in Animal Sheltering and Animal Services
- Coyote Conflicts in Florida
- Veterinary Care in a Shelter Setting
- Seeing the Individual Animal
- Veterinary Forensic Science: Avoiding Pitfalls

Gulf Coast Humane Society in Fort Myers has pulled 12 dogs from the pound this week. They are a welcome supporter and rescue partner. I have also been working on TNR trapping on Willow, Poplar and Church (across from school).