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Manager's Report 3/13/2020

By Bill Lawrence

Appropriation Bill: Mayor Spinks reports our legislative appropriation request for \$100,000 has made it through the senate and is waiting for signature from the Governor. If signed this will allow the City to examine the infiltration of storm water into our sewer system lines which becomes costly for the city to treat and could cause spills at the sewer plant.

Feeding Tampa Bay will be next Saturday March 28th at 10:00 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Bowling Green starting at 10:00 a.m.

Manager's Meeting was held Wednesday morning. I provided updates on the USDA Community Center Project, Migrant Housing and Audit Report.

Police News: Chief Scheel was happy to report the multiple car burglaries on Martin Luther King have been solved. The Trash Bandit that has plagued the City for the past two years has been arrested and is sitting in jail at the time of writing this report. The Trash Bandit has raised havoc by dumping trash all over the city for many months. Great Job Chief!

Animal Control Department: Animal Control prevailed in court on 3/6/20 concerning a hoarding case on Bertha Fulse. Our ordinance on limitations was upheld and we took in 13 dogs from one home. I participated at the Payne's Creek State Park Reenactment on Saturday with Kevin King from the Health Department. We set up a table and passed out free mosquito control products and provided educational information on bite/rabies prevention. All cats and kittens were transferred to rescue, one was reclaimed by the owner. 13 dogs were transferred to rescues this week. We have a new rescue partner! Cape Coral Animal Shelter is new in SWFL and contacted me this week to register with us. Trapped one cat for TNR at Caring Peoples Rehab. I assisted Amy in putting out boil water notices. Trina

Clerk's Office: Carmen reports they have been busy with annual reports and she has been assisting Maricruz and Vicky with these reports. The safety grants are due in by the end of the month.

Public Works: Amy said she has marked 3 cemetery plots this week and has been cleaning out the flower beds and playground area. She plans on mulching the area in a couple of weeks. Amy said she had the brakes repaired on her truck and the new Dumpsters have arrived. Pyatt Park bathrooms need

some wall repairs. Wayne said the crew has been doing lawn mower maintenance. The crew has done preparation for a new hydrant. The crew spent 4 days on curb and gutter cleaning around the City. They have started the valve exercise program. Wayne and Amy will be attending a supervisor leadership class in Arcadia this week.

Wastewater and Water Plants: Evelyn reports that she has been working with FDOT who has agreed to survey the ditch at the plant and may clean it out. She will assist Wayne in the Asset Management water plant upgrades. The Myrick lift station continues to be a problem. The new pump installed by Barney's has been electrocuted and the warranty does not cover electricity. A new pump will be installed, and an evaluation of the electrical panel will be done by Barney's. The water plant is scheduled to start up on April 20th.