



CITY OFFICIALS

William Lawrence, City Manager

Maria Carmen Silva, City Clerk

John Scheel, Police Chief

Gerald Buhr, City Attorney

COMMISSIONERS

Steven Spinks, Mayor

Shirley Tucker, Vice Mayor

David Durastanti

Duane Gardner

Sam Fite

Manager's Report 3/27/2020

By Bill Lawrence

New CDBG Project has started the design phase so the grant will be ready to submit by the first of July. Melissa Fox feels confident of the next round of funding at \$649,000 if the project is shovel ready. The project includes the mechanical screening at the head works and other projects listed in the Asset Management done by Rural Water and guideline for our SRF loans. Such things as manhole repairs, Scada Computer, Fire Hydrant replacement or repairs.

JAG Grant: I was notified this week that the annual Edward Bryne Memorial grant is receiving solicitation in the amount of \$40,638. In the past the City of Bowling Green has given a letter of support for Operation Blue Light XXIII (Drug Task Force). I will not be supporting this project this year because of the lack of response from the Sheriff's Office on what the benefits to the City of Bowling Green have been in the past 12 months. The portion dedicated for the City of Bowling Green Police Department would allow us to submit our own proposal. We need to replace our laptop and desktop computers at the Police Station and technology is a permitted expenditure.

Coronavirus: Departments have changed the way we deliver services by using e-mails, phone, faxes and practicing social distances. All staff meetings have been cancelled. Public Works have put off major projects such as fire hydrant replacement etc. that would require close contact work. The water & wastewater plants are business as usual. Animal Control and garbage pick-up will be the same as normal with no contact with others. Water & sewer billing will be the same. If you have been cut off. Your reconnect fee will be waived if you can show documentation that the coronavirus had prevented you from paying your bill on time.

Pennoni News: Jim Hall our project Manager for the water and wastewater plants, has taken a new job as engineer with Bryce National Park in Utah. Roger Homann will take over Jim's duties as project Manager with the City of Bowling Green.

Wastewater Plant: Paige and JC have been keeping up daily maintenance on the wastewater plant. The water expert application that tracks all the daily logs and maintenance has been updated by Paige. Sludge hauling was also just completed at the facility. We had conversations with Pennoni about the next round of CDBG funding which will give the plant a few things that were overlooked in the design process. Hopefully, those few projects will also allow us to run the grit removal system.

Lift Stations & Collections System:

Myrick lift station is waiting for a pump repair and the Barneys technician to install and inspect the panel since they are claiming it is what damaged the brand-new pump.

Master lift station pump was repaired but we are still experiencing problems in the panel. We put in a warranty work order with TLC which filed that with Barneys pumps for repair. We are waiting for them to schedule a date to come onsite.

There were also some discussions in the CDBG meeting to rehab manholes and lift stations in the systems.



Water Plant: The missing water plant meter has finally arrived at the contractor's office. They plan to install the meter sometime early next week. Once this is installed there are only a few items left to be completed. Pennoni has reached out to Tonka and to FDEP. They're trying to see if anyone is going to be able to do inspections or travel down for a start-up at the end of April. A few projects that need to be completed at the water plant that are not included in the construction project are transfer pump rehabs. This hopefully will also be in the CDBG grant. Evelyn

Water Loss Remedial Plan: I have submitted the 2020 plan to Michael Cote of Southwest Florida Water Management District for our water permit ahead of schedule this year.