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Manager's Report 6/26/2020

By Bill Lawrence



Delvin is in the photo on the left. Delvin has been with the City for over a year and works on the garbage truck, mows, cleans City Hall and trims the city grounds. Delvin is hard working and always smiles. Thanks Delvin! There is no doubt what makes a great city is the staff that makes things happen.

EDA Meeting was held Tuesday morning. The City of Bowling Green's Pyatt Park (\$221,400 Improvements) and Centanino Park (\$25,000) grant was approved by the EDA Board. I want to thank the EDA Board for this award. This will allow us to make the necessary improvements to the parks. These Recreational Grants are a one-time deal with the money coming from Mosaic. These are not reimbursable grants which mean you submit your invoices to the County Clerk's Office for approval and disbursement. Also awarded was

Town of Zolfo Springs \$87,301 for MLK & Pioneer Park, City of Wauchula Farr Field \$71,341, City of Wauchula Parks at Peace River \$597,257. Hardee County BOCC Hardee Lakes Splash Pad \$200,000, Carlton Recreation Complex Renovation \$750,000, and Hardee County School Tennis Court Project \$362,000.

Public Works: Amy purchased a new Gravely Lawn mower for \$4900. Most of our mowers are in bad shape. I found money in her budget (Physical Environment) that was available for the purchase. Our old backhoe has bit the dust. We are in the hunt for a backhoe. The money will come from the Water Budget under equipment. This money has not been spent because of the construction delay of the Nano Filtration System.



Feeding Tampa Bay will be in Bowling Green's 1st Baptist Church this Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

Jessica Skitka of the Hardee County Chamber hosted a Zoom meeting that was put on Facebook. She invited managers and leaders in Hardee County to give updates and other information the public should know about the COVID-19 in our region.

The New Water Plant Nano Filtration System is scheduled to start up on July 7 (There have been several delays in the past months). Notices have been issued to all the water customers.

Animal Control Office: Animal control has taken in 2 dogs and 44 kittens/cats in the last 10 days. Leigh with HART loaned us a few cages to help with the overflow. The new fans have been hung to help keep them cool. I have been assisting Chief Scheel in addressing some pool violations in the community. I also did some research and will be contacting CSX Railroad about the tall grass on the tracks at the north end of Central.

I was on call this week. We had a couple of minor leaks and low pressure between Hwy 17 and Central Ave. due to pools being filled up. Trina

City Clerk's Office: Maricruz and I have been working on utility billing adjustments. We had a total of 10 signoff's these past two weeks. One of them was for an H2A conversion and the other was for a new duplex. I sent an invoice to Dairyland Insurance for damage to one of our hydrants. We received a check for \$2,769.76 to cover the costs. I caught up all my cemetery records and reviewed them with Amy. We received word from our insurance company that the damage to our police cruiser fell under our deductible at an estimate of \$475.76. If the cost of repair goes over, we will have to submit to our insurance for reimbursement.

Working with our remaining budget, I ordered new chairs for the Commission Chambers and Vicky and I put them together. I spoke to a locksmith about fixing our safe since it keeps getting stuck and he stated that they do not make parts for that safe anymore. He recommended purchasing a new one.

Chunk Your Junk will be on Wednesday, July 8th, 2020. I worked on the ad and added a pickup limit. The ad has been posted on Facebook and has been sent to the newspaper for publication. I also worked on the new COVID-19 signs for the park for when we reopen. I worked on a School Crossing Guard ad for the PD and posted it on Facebook and here at City Hall. We have already received several notifications of interest on Facebook.

Evelyn sent me a draft of a Public Notice to be sent out to our water customers regarding the transition to our new water system. With Maricruz's help, I finalized the notice and translated it in Spanish for our non-English speaking customers. Notices were handed out Wednesday by our public works crew. Maricruz worked on entering meter readings, re-reads, and notices for high water usage.

Vicky scheduled a day for Liberty National to come and meet with employees to update their plans. She also contacted CentralSquare about changing one of our programs and adding a new credit card interface at my request. This will allow us to run two (2) credit card machines in the front office to help improve our service to our customers. Carmen

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