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Manager's Report 7/17/2020

By Bill Lawrence

Public Works: Mayor Spinks gave a special shout out at the Commission Meeting Tuesday night for the crew's efforts in maintaining the grounds and streets of Bowling Green. Your hard work is paying off.

The FRDAP Grant: The Main Street Park grant for \$50,000 has been approved by Florida Legislature and approved by Governor DeSantis. We have some administrative ends to finish up and I will be working with Fred Fox on the startup.



Police News: Jakevis Brown is our latest recruit who has graduated from the Police Academy and is now undergoing field training for the day with Cpl. Sean Guthas. Jakevis lives and was raised in the City of Bowling Green and will be a great community asset. During our trying times in Law Enforcement, it's nice to see people willing to dedicate their lives to public service that makes their communities a better place to live. I am lucky enough to spend some time with Jakevis today to educate him on the functions of city government.

Phase II Grant Funding from the State of Florida Water Quality Grant: My research into this project has raised some concerns. If the grant applications cover the remaining parts of phase 1 at the wastewater plant that does not increase expenditures in the budget, I am in favor. This could include the new office, new drying beds, fire hydrants and any remaining items that did get completed under phase 1.

However, Public Reuse I have several issues. Our flows only generate 200,000 gallons a day and we only use one of the two clarifiers. Where is the reuse going? Is there an unmet need (Customer)? The infrastructure cost to getting it there is unknown and an added cost. This would require additional staffing of at least 6 hours a day

for the reuse permit. That would mean an additional \$70,000 a year in salary expense. The plan would include modification of the old plant and two reject tanks are needed and the deep well would need to be examined during the rain season. During the rainy season, the reuse water would have very little need. I have spoken with Alan Slater, Rural Water Association who specializes in wastewater who felt this was not needed for a City the size of Bowling Green. I believe our focus needs to be what is happening underground between the new plants to attack our Infiltration issues into our sewer lines and replacing our old water lines. This part of the project will increase expenditures and thus increase the sewer rates.

I truly believe this is a big dream project for the day of a great population growth in and around the City of Bowling Green and the demand is there. I would rather have the growth first showing the need then build it vs. build it and hoping there is a customer.