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Manager's Report 7/31/2020

By Bill Lawrence

Virtual Meetings have been extended By Governor DeSantis latest Executive order to October 15th.

Police News: Chief Scheel report that the elementary school was broken into with some items removed along with a bicycle stolen in another part of the city. I have always mentioned the importance of teamwork and developing relationships in the community because other people will help you solve crime. Captain Brett Dowden gave this information to Public Works. **A Special Shout Out to Wayne Prine!!!!** Wayne observed a juvenile on the stolen bicycle and took a photo and called the Police. The police located and arrested the suspect. Some of the stolen property was recovered by Public Works. Great Job Team!



The Nano Filtration System at the water plant started up for testing on Tuesday at noon time. Inframark, Hardee County Utilities, Pennoni, Censtate and Tonka were on hand for the start up. I met with the operators from Inframark and Hardee County Utilities and they gave me the simple version. They agreed that there were some serious design flaws with the system and Tonka is not going to commission the plant at this time and will be back next week.

Public Works: I have been re- drawing my cemetery map on flexible plastic due to the paper one starting to deteriorate. I did re-reads this week, 17 door hangers, and turned off a few meters. Cayla finished reading meters and has started spraying herbicide around each meter that needs it. I have had 3 of the crew mowing this week to get caught up. We had Hunter, Kyle, and

Delvin weed-eat most ditches on Main St and Dixiana. Hunter filled potholes Thursday and Friday. Hunter will start working on the meter box repairs/ replacements next week. Amy

Wayne has completed the inventory list for our outdated equipment/ vehicles. Wayne, Roy, & Kyle ran a new waterline on Maple. We picked up the Gravely mower from the shop. It had new motor put in and runs great. I changed air filters in City hall. We put together a 3" pump that arrived. We checked out a sewer problem on Lynn St. Wayne helped Amy put up 2 street signs that had been struck by vehicles. Tractor repairs were fixed by Kyle on Friday. Next week Wayne plans for hydrant flushing due to the new water plant start up. He will plan on working on vehicle maintenance next week, and if time permits work at the burn pile for a few days. The backhoe has been picked up from Wauchula. Wayne

Hardee County EOC: I participated in the Local Mitigation Strategy Meeting held Monday on Zoom Meetings. The discussions were on close outs of Hurricane Irma. The City of Bowling Green has been closed out for several months. Next meeting will be October 28th at 11:00 a.m.

Bowling Green Police Officers Blaiaine Molitor and Jakevis Brown volunteering their time with Feeding Tampa Bay and developing relationships within the community which is greatly needed at this time across the country. Awesome job!



The Recreation Committee met this week by Zoom Meetings with the help of City Clerk, Carmen Silva. They approved the Drive-thru Bookbag Giveaway Program. See the flyer below.

