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Manager's Report 8/07/2020

By Bill Lawrence

Public Works: The left photo shows Wayne and I painting a no parking sign in front of City Hall. Wayne and I helped Hardee County Utilities load and unload filters for the new nano system. Delvin and I trimmed and discarded the brush at the Banana St. flower bed. Delvin and I edged the sidewalk on Church St. from Hardee to Banana for the startup of school on the 12th. I did a few locates at the cemetery for a burial and a headstone as well as showing customers available plots. I touched up a fire hydrant. Wayne and I put a few street signs back up that were knocked down and will be working Monday on making a new street sign order. I also worked on my cemetery map last week and will continue to work on it this week. I am planning on painting a curb near the school for safety. Cayla is close to finishing up the herbicide of meter boxes. We will be re-painting the handicap parking lot at City Hall. I am also taking care of the dog pound while Trina is on vacation. Amy



I worked on the old Dixie Chopper repairing the linkage. I ordered a pallet of meter boxes and extra lids for Amy. I also went to Lowes and picked up an air conditioner that Amy ordered for the wastewater treatment lab. I went to the City of Wauchula and drove our new backhoe back to Bowling Green. I worked on the city trailer door and fixed the broken sewer pipe. I made a call to 811 for locates on Avon St. for the sewer tap that we will work on Tuesday and Wednesday. I checked out our air compressor and will need to order more parts for repairs. Kyle, Delvin, and I cleaned up around the plant to secure loose items laying around due to the hurricane. I had Robert pick up extra limbs around town on Friday. Hunter put in 33-meter boxes last week and will continue with more this week, he also did some weed eating in the alley so Cayla could herbicide. Hunter and I dug out a culvert on Avon/Lk Branch due to a drainage issue. I have plans to work at the burn pile the end of the week. Kyle will be filling potholes on Monday. Wayne

Manager's Meeting was held on Wednesday. We discussed the draft budget and cuts I was making due to receiving less revenue from the State of Florida (Covid-19 related), Inframark and rising cost of insurances. Budget Workshop is scheduled for August 20th.

The City Clerk Office: Carmen said she has worked on Trim with Vicky. She has been working on 3 claims with FMIT. Carmen had scheduled FMIT webinars on Hurricane Preparations that she, Vicky, and I

attended. She also scheduled a webinar with FMIT on Safety Procedures that Amy, Carmen, and I attended.

Police Department News: Chief Scheel said he is working on performance evaluations and looking to hire a school crossing guard.

The Expense Report year-to-date with two months remaining in the fiscal year should have at least 18% remaining in the budget. The total General fund is at 33.66% and the Enterprise Fund is at 29.29%
Great Job Team!

Covid-19 Burnout Discussion: I was selected to be on this panel with other City and County Managers from across the country to participate in the Zoom Meeting on Thursday. This was a great meeting where we had a chance to share, offer and ask for advice from my colleagues across the country. I am thankful we are in a rural area and do not have the density that other cities are facing.