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Manager's Report

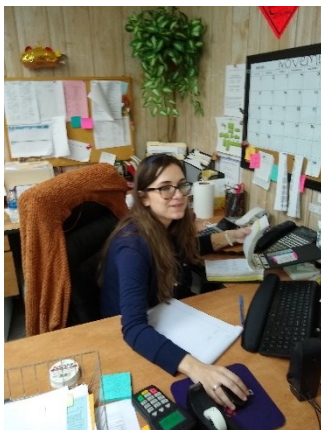
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Bill Lawrence

Feasibility Study: County Manager, Lawrence McNaul called to discuss if the City would be interested in conducting a feasibility study on the regional utility system. The purpose would be to regionalized services in hopes to offer an efficient way for the delivery of services. Lawrence said that the City of Wauchula and Town of Zolfo Springs are interested in the study that would be paid with EDA Funds. He stated that if this was not a win for all parties involved that it should not be done.

I know going forward, our utility rates will continue to go up based on Florida Rural Water's projections and Asset Management Program. They have recommended a 10% increase in our rates every year. The problem is that our residents can not afford this type of increase. I believe we must do our due diligence and explore other ways we can deliver services in the future. The feasibility study will be of no cost to the City and the City can pull out if you do not like the results. There is no obligation.

This will be placed on the December agenda for discussion and vote. This needs to be done before the next EDA meeting in December.



New Clerical Assistant: Candice Torres has been a quick study and is doing great. She will be a great asset to the team. Her responsibilities are utility billing, phones, customer service at the front counter, land use preparation for sign offs, etc. Welcome Candice!

Bid Opening for the Effluent Line Project was held in the meeting room Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. The bid opening was conducted by Roger Homann of Pennoni with an assist by City Clerk, Carmen Silva. There were 14 bid submittals. The bid will be awarded at the December 8th Commission Meeting. **Happy Thanksgiving!**