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Manager’s Report

04/23/2021

Manager’s Meeting was held on 4/15/2021.

City Manager- The final documents for the SCOP paving project were sent to FDOT for final approval of the bids and contract on 4/19/2021. I have been in touch with AAA Top Quality Asphalt, the contractor for the project, to discuss the performance bond and tentative start dates. Commissioner Fite, Josh Bell and I had a meeting over the phone to go over AT&T proposed contract changes. We are currently waiting for a counter proposal from AT&T. I attended the EDA meeting in Hardee County on Tuesday and the Hardee County Chamber of Commerce lunch on Thursday. On Wednesday Roger Homann of Pennoni discovered that the contractor handling the reclaimed water pipe project that connects us to the City of Wauchula used some materials that were not made in America. Mr. Homann is on top of this issue and we met with the contractor, PWC Joint Venture LLC to discuss the replacement of those materials. It is expected to take about a week for the replacement and there will be no costs to the City of Bowling Green. The contractor will pay any costs incurred by Pennoni associated with this issue.

Police: Chief has been working on a Special Events draft ordinance with our City Clerk and myself. Currently under review are several ordinances from municipalities in the State of Florida.

Public Works: On Saturday 4/17/2021 Wayne Prine, Public Works Supervisor, and staff responded to 2 water main breaks in the city. They handled the breaks professionally and all residences had water back up within 4 hours. The breaks occurred at Jones/Doyle Parker and Main /Mason Dixon. However, a boil water notice imposed on residents until a bacterial survey shows the water is safe to drink. Under Mr. Prine’s direction once again, we moved 3 bleachers from Pyatt Park to Centanino Park. The bleachers are a needed amenity for the families and friends attending the soccer games there. We would also like to thank Jaime Blas, a long time Bowling Green resident, for his assistance in the transportation of the bleachers. Mr. Blas donated his time, his drivers time and the use of his 48’ flatbed tractor trailer to safely accomplish this move.



Clerk's Office: On Saturday 04/17/2021, Mrs. Prine contacted Ms. Silva, City Clerk, about the water main break. Ms. Silva came to city hall to prepare and translate the boil water notices to be distributed to the affected residents. She and Mrs. Prine both handled the situation quickly and professionally. The Commission Workshop will be held on 4/27/2021 at 6:30 in the Council Chambers. The purpose of the workshop will be to discuss economic opportunities. Notice was placed in the Herald Advocate and the City's calendar was updated on our website. Ms. Silva also worked with Clerical Assistant Candice Torres on the cemetery process. She also worked with our Chair of the Recreation Committee Chiquita Robinson on the Cinco de Mayo Celebration flyers.