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Manager’s Report

05/14/2021

City Manager: On 5/9/2021 a home located on Bryan Ave. suffered fire damage. There were no injuries to the occupants of the home which was occupied at the time of the fire. While firefighters were attempting to put out the fire, they ran a 5.25” line to the hydrant located at East Main Rd. and Bryan. They were unable to get the cap off the hydrant and used another alternative for water. The following morning public works checked the hydrant and determined the other 2.5” caps came off and could be used however the 5.25 cap rusted and was unable to be opened. We are working on a plan to flush all the hydrants in the city now. The contract with Inframark requires them to flush all hydrants once a year and they have assured me this will be completed by September. On Tuesday I sent out a letter to Joseph Walker, Hardee County Fire Chief, authorizing his agency to begin flushing and exercising the fire hydrants in the City of Bowling Green as the Bowling Green City Commission directed me to do. The maintenance/repairs of the hydrants will remain the responsibility of the city. Attended the Legislative Breakfast put on by the Hardee County Chamber of Commerce on 5/12/2021. Attended the Ridge League of Cities dinner in Haines City on 5/13/2021.

Inframark. On Wednesday I met with Patrick Henry, Project Manager and Ben Griffin the Regional Manager from Inframark. They have assured me that the flushing of the hydrants will be accomplished per the contract the city has with them and they will coordinate this with the Hardee County Fire/Rescue. They were both very committed to ensuring they exceed our needs on a daily basis. Beginning next week, they will have a new employee who is dual certified on-site daily at our facilities.

Public Works: Currently, Public Works is in conversation with the Forestry Department on a daily basis to try and get permission for a burn. Because temperatures and humidity have been so dry, we have not been able to get permission. Wayne Prine and his staff have checked the entire 101 fire hydrants in the city in the past few days. Approximately 8 demonstrated some issues and are being repaired and 4 will need to be replaced. Currently, we have 2 hydrants in public works, and we have ordered 2 more. The hydrant that had the rusted 5.25 cap at East Main and Bryan has been repaired.

Police: It certainly needs to be mentioned the hard work and dedication Trina Galvin puts forth on a daily basis. She is not only responsible for code enforcement, but she handles animal control

also. That in itself is a very busy position for one person, just this week she surpassed 100 animals that came through her hands in which she found safe homes for them. Two weeks ago one of our crossing guards suddenly left her position and immediately Trina stepped up and filled that role ensuring our children's safety. Our employees here in the City of Bowling Green step up on a daily basis to ensure the quality of life in Bowling Green. I am proud of Trina and all the employees here in Bowling Green.

Clerk's Office: Vicky has submitted the payment to PWC for the reclaimed water line project. Carmen had to file a claim since our garbage truck took down a power line running to a resident's home and for the employee driving the truck. We received the signed agreement for the Highway Lighting from DOT. We also submitted the response to DEO for the CDBG grant application. The rezoning that was passed was filed with the Hardee County Clerk of Courts. Carmen also worked on a few public records requests and held a conference call regarding a WC claim. Random drug screenings were also done this week.