

FROM: Bill Lawrence, City Manager

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TO: Commissioners

SUBJECT: Manager's Report

Feeding Tampa Bay Will be here at the First Baptist Church this Saturday from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Community Recreation Council: I had just recently learned that I was a board member and met with Meredith Durastani Thursday morning. Meredith explained the Community Recreation Council duties along with the budget and minutes from the last meeting.

EDA Grant Awards Meeting: The Board used the averages of the three cities ranking sheets to award the grants at Tuesday's meeting. The recreation grants were tabled until December. The only project that did not get funded was the Hardee Chamber renovations at the Depot in Wauchula.

FRDAP Main Street Park Grant. I have worked with Fred Fox on the application and a letter certifying Bowling Greens Capital Improvement Schedule. I will be placing a resolution on the agenda for the next Commission Meeting.

Police Department: We have been working on purging old police reports and agency paperwork. We have also been getting ready for our CJIS Audit with FDLE on October 8th. I have filled several public records request this week. We have finally completed all Officer performance evaluations and will be meeting with each officer one on one to review them. I also had to work up several pieces of evidence to be sent to FDLE crime lab in Tampa, at the request of the State Attorney's Office. I also met with Christine Weber this week with the First Responders Task Force to sign each Officer up for a free \$5,000 life insurance policy to be completed on October 2nd. These are military grade benefits that have been extended to all first responders by the government again for free with no charge to the city or the officer.

Chief Scheel, Bowling Green PD

Water plant is still moving but unfortunately at what seems to be snail pace. I questioned supervisor on site in general conversation as to why they keep leaving the job site. According to him, the job has taken too long and he has other project obligations to attend to. I kindly told him it was not our problem and I just wanted him to know that his boss told us once they were back at the site they would stay at the site until finished. He really didn't know how to respond. **Headworks** is still not working correctly, and Jim is optimistic but unfortunately none of my staff nor your staff are. We have started pulling all influent out as it has gone septic. We will refill with water and continue to keep the system at least cycling until a solution is brought to the table. (Still working on writing this system up)

Wastewater plant has come online finally. It is full of sludge and the water we initially started it with. On 9-20-19 we talked with Ovivo and Pennoni. On the afternoon of 9-20-19 we called for Ovivo to answer some questions with no response. On 9-21-19 we were ready to turn plant on as we were taught. Paige

and I met on Saturday and started the motors up. Everything was perfect, or so we thought. Around 2 pm the motors shut themselves down. I had to come in and reset them. I tried to fool the system by putting one in hand and one in auto to see if that would stop it from turning off. Unfortunately, it didn't work, and the plant shut itself down over night again. I came in again Sunday morning this time and finally got an ho override switch to keep one motor physically in hand until Monday. On Sunday I let Jim know our problems and that we hadn't heard from Ovivo. (I'm pretty sure he made a few phone calls because I got an email all the sudden from Ovivo.) I answered and was told let's talk on Monday. I'm sad to say we called and talked for only a few moments with no solution. Ovivo rep was to call Paige back but never did until after hours today. Again, I let Jim know. So waiting for more talk tomorrow morning. No solutions as of yet.

Staff: We are super proud of Paige for getting her wastewater license!!! Unfortunately, she still has a lot to learn just in the waste side of things, but I do believe she can do it. For JC he continues to work well in the temp department, and I can say he is a major help in the physical rolls of his job. Evelyn Guffey

Public Works: Monday Cayla and I will be working on cut-offs for nonpaying customers. We will also be doing re-reads for books 2- 7. I have Delvin weed eating some ditches today. We have plans on painting a few more hydrants this week. The school zone signs should arrive, and I will put them up. I will be working on the rest of the evaluations this week also. Wayne and Kyle are working on replacing 2 meters and about 20 ft - 40 ft of 2" pipe on Glades due to them having no water pressure. Wayne will be working on the steps this week which were started on Friday. Amy Prine

Animal Control: I served classification of Dangerous Dog to the owner who decided not to appeal the decision after being presented with the evidence. The owner has 14 days to comply with the regulations of the ordinance. 4 dogs went to rescue, one abandoned cat with newborns were located and retrieved. On the administrative side I prepared for the CDBG audit for next week and completed deposits for all accounts. Roy assisted in organizing at the pound. Thank you, Roy!! Trina Galvan