



## **City Manager's Monthly Report for April 2020**

We have been educating the public on the dangers of the Coronavirus and the need to comply with the orders from the state and federal government. We have installed 14 banners around town encouraging people to avoid large gatherings, practice social distancing, etc. WCON has been running public service announcements for us as well. One of our firefighters has recorded a video in Spanish in an effort to educate the Hispanic community. This video has been placed on our website and all of our Social Media sites.

We have had 5 employees tested for the virus and unfortunately 2 of these were positive. Both employees have recovered and will be back to work next week. In order to protect our employees, we continue to keep our buildings closed to the public. I plan to keep City Hall and the Police Station closed until we move into the new building next month. Once in the new building we will be able to keep the public in the lobby and our employees will be protected behind glass.

We have submitted our 2020 CDBG application to the DCA. We have requested \$750,000 to help with replacement of the infrastructure in Oak Grove Trailer Park, Galloway Street Apartments, and Sunshine Circle. They expect to award the bids in September or October.

The County Commission voted 3 to 2 to split the SPLOST revenue by population only on Monday. This would reduce our revenue by \$1 million from the current SPLOST and \$1.7 million from what we have requested. The Mayor is still working with the other cities to gain their support to reject the county's proposal. Under the law the county must agree and cities representing at least 50% of the municipal population must agree. So, this is not settled yet and we are optimistic that the other cities will support us!

The Wastewater Plant treated 87.3 million gallons of sewerage. The Water Plant produced 79.2 million gallons of drinking water. We received 7.8 inches of rain; the old reservoir is 8.7 feet above full pool; the new reservoir is 6.5 feet below full pool. It is scheduled to be at full pool on June 15<sup>th</sup>. We repaired 3 water leaks and 5 sewer blockages.

The Fire Department responded to 91 emergency calls. They completed 315 hours of training. The Fire Marshal issued 3 Certificates of Occupancy, conducted 10 inspections, and reviewed 3 sets of plans.

The Planning Department issued 7 permits, the total project value was \$167,103 and the total fees collected were \$2,465. The Building Inspector completed 11 Plan Reviews, 31 Commercial Inspections, and 3 Residential Inspections.

The Police Department conducted 22 traffic stops which is down from 69 last month, worked 24 accidents as opposed to 46 last month, 2 fight calls, 2 burglaries, 10 shoplifting calls, and 22 alarms. They responded to a total of 456 calls as opposed to 856 last month. The Investigative Division opened 8 new cases, closed 13 cases, and made 7 arrests. Code Enforcement opened 18 new cases and closed 15 cases. The Probation Division collected \$3,209 in fines, they have 119 active cases, and probationers completed 40 hours of Community Service with a value of \$290.

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