

MANAGER'S MINUTE

March 2020

Wow, what a difference a month makes in terms of how quickly a true pandemic can sweep the world. Last month we were just beginning to talk about the pandemic and for the last 30 days the COVID-19 virus has dominated the conversation across America.

City employees are essential public servants and in order to continue to provide customer service, some operational changes have been made. City Hall, Public Works, Wastewater Treatment Plant, and the Police Department buildings have been closed to the public, however city staff remain in the buildings and are available by phone during normal business hours, M-F 9-5.

We have split utility crews into 2 groups. This one done to avoid one employee coming to work sick and taking out the entire work group. The Public Works department keeps the sewage flowing through the sewer system to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The plant operators then take it and process it and return it to the river. These essential employees ensure that this happens without violations, to protect our local citizens and the citizens downstream from the treatment plant that draw their drinking water from the river.

In addition, the Governor's Order required us to close parks as well, however, the boat landing is still open for fishing use. We have had to cancel all City Council workshops and meetings that will draw more than 10 people. We are currently working on developing a video stream to allow us to stream our meeting live to meet the public meeting requirements. No one knows how long we will be in this situation, but we will be here to service your needs.

Remember, this is serious. COVID 19 is killing people. Wash your hands and avoid touching your face. Try it. It is almost impossible to eliminate touching your face and this is how the virus more than likely is going to gain entrance to your system. Do not leave your house unless you are required to for grocery shopping, going to the pharmacy, going to the gas station or other necessary tasks. When you are out maintain social distancing, wash your hands frequently. Be safe and keep those around you safe as well. We will get through this together.

In March your City Council acted on the following:

Approved Ordinances and Resolutions

- Resolution 20-940 Tourism and Marketing agreement with Anvil Northwest
- Conducted a Council Goal Setting workshop.
- Introduced Ordinance 20-686 Regulating Secondhand Stores.
- Canceled all Council meetings and workshops until the end of April 2020

March Police Statistics

<u>03-08-20 through 03-14-20</u>	<u>03-15-20 through 03-21-20</u>	<u>January 1 to current date:</u>
• Arrests: 18	Arrest: 4	Arrest: 161
• Traffic Stops:23	Traffic Stops:4	Traffic Stops: 626
• Citations: 3	Citations: 0	Citations: 115
• Warnings: 6	Warnings: 1	Warnings: 406
• Criminal Cases Taken:18	Criminal Cases Taken: 12	Criminal Cases Taken: 221
• Drug Cases:2	Drug Cases:0	Drug Cases:10

- DUII Cases:0 DUII Cases: 0 DUII Cases:5
- Fugitive Cases:3 Fugitive Cases: 1 Fugitive Cases:55
- Reports Taken:24 Report Taken: 13 Reports Taken: 269
- ***Total Calls for Service: 92*** ***Total Calls for Service: 84*** ***Total Calls for Service: 109***

