

CITY MANAGER REPORT

December 22, 2014

The State continues to work on the HWY 77 project as they can, weather permitting. They would like to get it done. I expect there needs to be a week or two of fair weather to see any major work.

The street department has been working on some gravel roads putting down some of the millings we got off of the highway project. This will keep the dust down in the spring and summer months.

The electric crew continues to trim trees in the alley's and right - of - way. Mike showed me a new fixture for street lights which are LED's and cost the same as existing. We will be changing to the new fixture as maintenance requires us to. This will save some electric expenses. In the past the LED fixtures were too costly to warrant a change out to be effective. Staff continues to seek ideas and products to better the electric position.

We had a six inch water line break in the parking lot of the Junior High School. It has been fixed of course. However, I am concerned that we, the City has allowed a "main" to be extended on private property so far away from the Street Right of Way. Normally we would have the water meter at the Right of Way and everything past that point, water meter, would be the responsibility of the property owner. As it stands, the City would or could be responsible for a parking lot being damaged by a water leak. The water fund cannot afford to do a parking lot rebuild. I have asked Brad to look into this issue to see if the situation could be fixed.

I continue to seek ways in which to better the financial position of the Electric fund. There really isn't a lot of options at this time. My report is forth coming.

I attended the "First Dollar" celebration for "On the Beach Family Fun Center". If you haven't visited, I would suggest you do. It appears to be a great alternative activity place for all, not only the younger citizens here in town.

We are looking at ordering our Trout fish for the Padilla Lake. This yearly program was started last year in which we will be reimbursed for our costs by Wildlife and Parks.