



City Manager's Report

April 10th, 2018

Honorable Mayor Cole and City Commissioners Gwin and Brecheisen-Huss,

The past couple of weeks have been extremely busy as we are still short staffed, and we've spent a tremendous amount of time working on the budget conversion process. The budget conversion has taken more time than I originally expected it to, but we are close now. We expect to complete the conversion within the next month. After speaking with our software company, Tyler Technologies, and our auditor, Neil Phillips from Jarred, Gilmore, and Phillips, we have elected to verify that the conversion is done properly, causing as few headaches after the fact, rather than rush it done. In addition to all of the work on the budget, we have been starting preparations for our annual audit as we expect the Auditors to be on site next month. We also conducted numerous interviews for the open Account Clerk and Wastewater Operator positions. I also have a meeting scheduled with Mike Billings of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) on Monday to go over our financial picture for the water utility regarding the new water treatment plant.

The County Commission is working on an updated agreement with the City for the Anderson County Development Authority to increase the Board's membership to nine (9) positions. We have yet to have any submittals of interested individuals for the open board positions on the ACDA, Walker Art Committee, or Airport Board which just saw the resignation of board Member Ron Zimmerman. The Community Easter Egg Hunt put on by the Life Assembly of God Church was a very successful event and I believe the bicycles donated by the City were much appreciated (photos included in the packet).

As for the agenda items, I have asked City staff to prepare their thoughts and any pros or cons they anticipate with updating our building codes to the 2018 versions. You will find staff's respective recommendations included in the packet. My recommendation is to update to the 2018 codes as I believe it will make our community safer for the future and is the best for our residents and business owners as it will have the largest potential to lower property insurance rates. The Library Board has a position up for re-appointment, Mr. Steve Markham's position, and Mr. Markham has indicated his interest in continuing to serve on the Board.

Police Officer Daniel Frazier is this month's Employee of the Month. Daniel is working hard to develop a new Police Explorer program. While Officer Frazier always has his hands full with his law enforcement duties, he has taken the initiative to research and implement this program for our community's youth. Daniel's enthusiasm to inspire area youth in the career path of law enforcement and to be good citizens is admirable beyond the realm of his normal duties and exemplifies what we look for in our law enforcement professionals and all employees.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions and I appreciate the opportunity to serve you and this wonderful community as your City Manager.

Sincerely,

Christopher T. Weiner, City Manager