

June 5, 2020

Dear Community,

This week we had a Planning and Zoning meeting and City Council meeting. The RV ordinance is now further along. Phillip and the P&Z board did an amazing job working on this. Thank you. Our city council meeting was a success. The council approved the resolutions needed for our road grant on May, Locust and Walnut Streets. We have budgeted for this road grant during the budget last fall now we are in the final engineering phases and ready to start the construction soon. Hopefully this August.

We are starting the budget and tax season again as we have for the past two years. Each department is working on their budget and getting ready to propose soon. Once we get county information, we can start the budget tax hearings and approval of the budget. We are very mindful of what the county is doing in regards to their budget for next year, especially for COVID-19 virus impact on our economy.

Library staff have been busy prepping to reopen the library. They're still waiting on some equipment, but have been busy weeding the collection to make room for 300 new titles purchased with funds from the J. Frank Dobie Trust. Lots of new chapter books, juvenile fiction, graphic novels, and more are in now in the catalog. You can place reserves online, by phone, or email, and pick up materials weekdays from 1 – 5 p.m.

Our EMS has initiated new narcotics procedures and forms. Jeff's been working on obtaining the last ambulance quote for a grant. Jeff will be continuously monitoring for newly opened grant opportunities.

COVID-19: As Texas continues opening up for business, businesses should follow simple guidelines to ensure a safe and clean environment for employees as well as customers. Suggestions include: All surfaces used in the preparation, delivery, serving and consuming of food should be disinfected frequently and immediately following any of the above processes. Any items delivered to a business should be disinfected immediately upon delivery.

The Public Works department worked on three leaks, and set up for Monday and Tuesday night's meeting. They have been cutting trees over the roadway around town and will continue to be doing this every week. They also worked on the booster station at Well #4 and removed a tree in the park. They mowed in these areas this past week: the tower behind the Sonic, Well #6, museum, train depo and the empty lot in front of city hall. They also took care of the wasted sludge at sewer plant.

Our Police Department have been working on turning cases into the District Attorney Office. NIBRS Reports submitted for May. Enhance training for all officers for higher licensing. Chief is scheduling classes for Officer O'Neal and Sgt. West that are required.

Tips for citizen: When you use "quotation marks," What you type inside those marks is supposed to be an exact quote. I hope this helps.

**Municipal Court scheduled for 06/25/2020, 4:00 P.M.**

Our Fire Chief's update is that they successfully siren tested at 1830 this past Monday. Ensured all calls for service are answered and placed in reporting software.

This Saturday is a BIG day for our nation and the whole world really. D Day. We as a nation and as part of the Allied effort went in to stop Hitler's tyranny and genocide. The writings of these men and how they were able to do these mass exterminations is just sickening. I am proud yet sad we lost so many on the beaches of Normandy and the other operations of WWII. We made a big impact and charged the tide of the war. I thank all those families that lost loved ones.

I keep praying I will serve the Lord and be humble and kneel before Him for His wisdom, I pray for all those that don't have your peace and that they ask and knock and seek you, I pray in all our ways we acknowledge you and direct our paths, I pray for your forgiveness for our community. Mrs. Marilyn Todd-Daniels shared with me to pray Daniel 9 for this Saturday for this event. I pray families in this environment that struggling with all addictions porn, drugs, alcohol, and other out there not mentioned, to find help and recovery, I pray against the hate and confusion in our community the nation our world, I pray that all believers be bold and serve Him follow the great commission during this time it's our chance to share. I ask for your prayers for all the first responders, nurses, doctors, and health professionals on the front line of this war against COVID-19 as well as all other illnesses and the leaders that are responsible for making decisions on behalf of us all. Pray for the essential workers no matter what part they are playing during this disaster and all the teachers and professionals that are working so hard to keep our youth moving forward in their studies. Pray for all those that have lost their jobs. Give them strength and resources. Pray for Israel and all their daily battles and for protection. I pray for this historical milestone that we as a world went through during WWII in your mighty Name, We Pray, Amen. John 15:7 "If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask whatever you want and it will be done for you".

**DON'T FORGET RECYCLING ON SATURDAY, 9:00 TO 12:00!**

Serving you respectfully,

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"Dream to Keep the Down-Home Feeling"

"House Divided Cannot Stand" The Bible and Abraham Lincoln